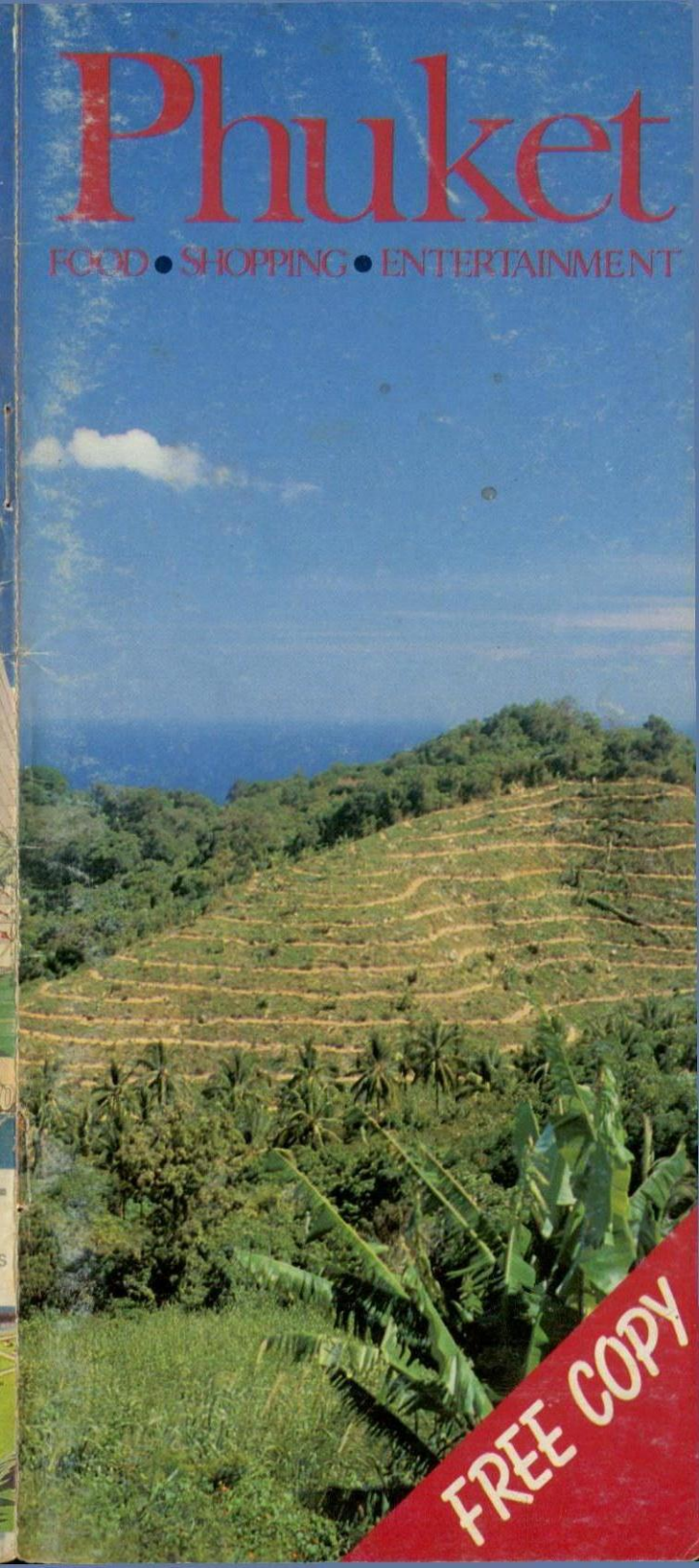
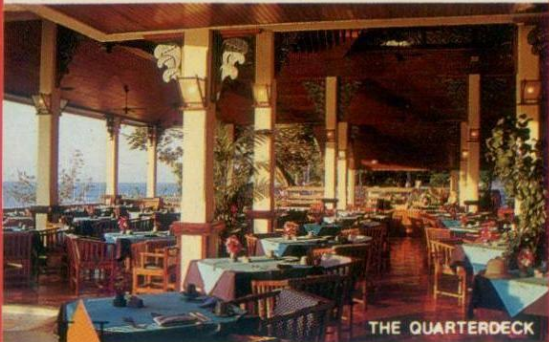
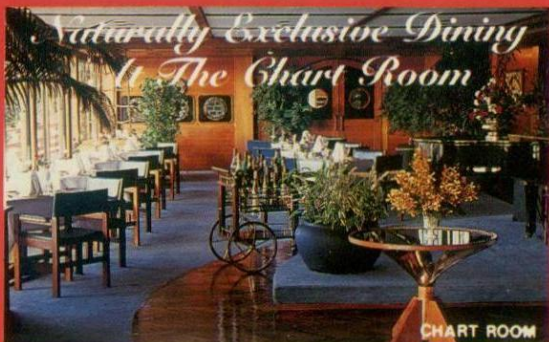


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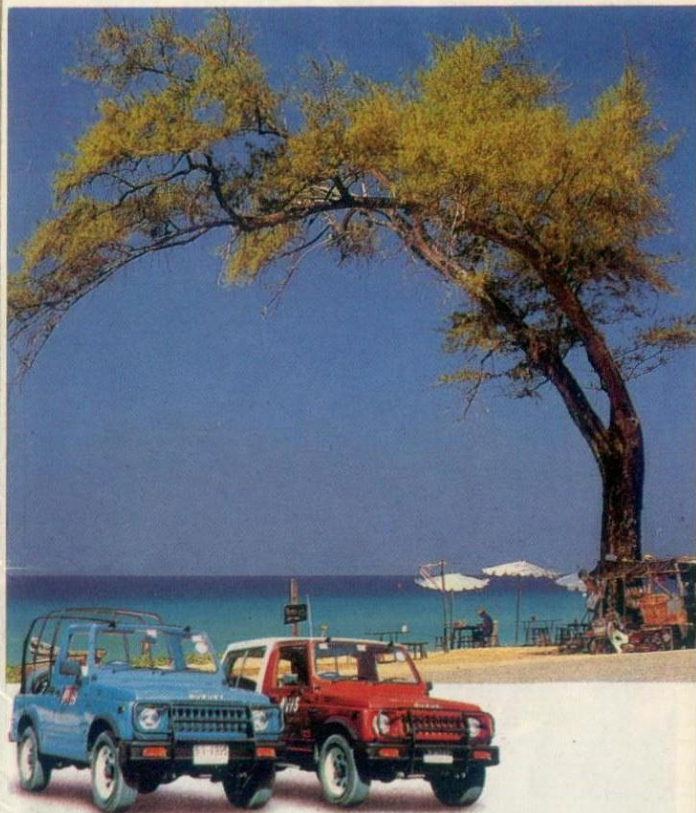
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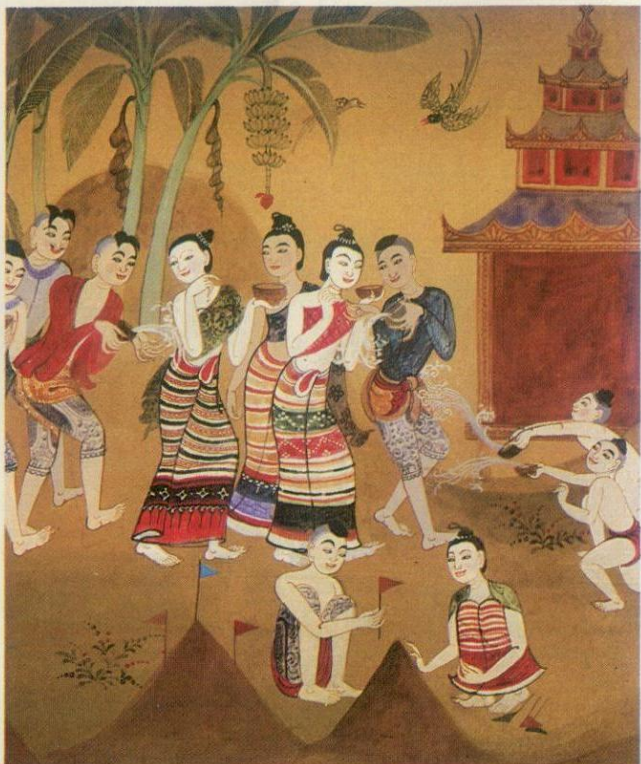
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SEAFOOD

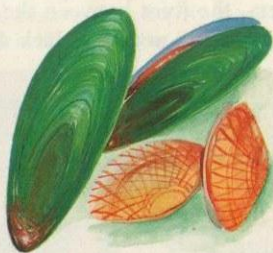
Phuket is a seafood lovers paradise. Tourists will find the island to be a haven of restaurants near the beaches, serving the freshest catch from the sea. Where does the fun in seafood dining begin? At the source.

Watching the fishermen bring their catch to shore occurs at the first light of dawn on most of Phuket's beaches. If you are on the beach at this time, the fishermen will greet you with smiles and allow you to pose for a picture with the biggest fish.

There are several varieties of seafood and just as many methods of preparation. A description of some favorite Thai seafood dishes follows.

SHELLFISH

Oysters on the half shell served chilled with a garlic-lemon and chilli sauce topped with chinese mustard. Most restaurants serve this as an appetizer... truly irresistible! Another method of preparing oysters are to have them fried, boiled, or stewed in a clay pot with fragrant basil leaves. Cockles, clams, mussels, and scallops are more shellfish choices available in Phuket. These shellfish are either aromatically steamed with sweet herbs, or sauteed in garlic butter. In selecting shellfish, it is deemed fresh when the membrane is clear.

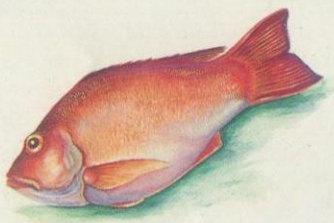


FISH

Steamed Fish (Pla Neung) is served in a fish-shaped tray atop a burner. Every restaurant has its own variety of garnishings for steamed fish. Some are topped with preserved soya beans, ginger, garlic and onions. Others combine minced pork with preserved lemon, preserved leeks, chillies, onions, or shallots. Snappers, groupers, sea bass, sea perch, mullet, skip jack, and trevally are recommended fish, for steaming. **Sweet and**

Sour Fish (Pla Preeo Wan) is a deep fried fish with a simmered sauce made from arrowroot, baby cucumbers, tomatoes, pineapple, and onions, ladled over the fish. **Fish with Three Sauces (Pla Sam Rod)** is a deep-fried fish served with a combination of three sauces. Deep-fried mustard greens are used as garnishing. Flounder, skip jack, and sole are recommended for this special Thai dish. **Fried Fish with Garlic and Pepper (Pla Thawat Krathiam)** is pan-fried, and seasoned with fried garlic and a strong dash of pepper. **Barbecue Fish (Pla Yang)** is a taste treat wrapped in banana leaf and barbequed directly on the grill.

When selecting a fresh fish, the eyes must be shining, and not dull or glazed. The body must be firm when pressed and the gills should be a rich red color.



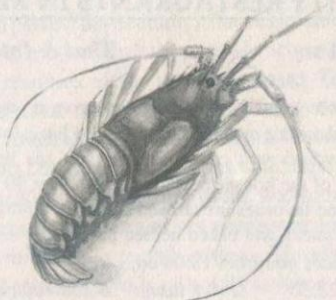
LOBSTERS

Lobsters are usually kept in tanks. Lobsters can be steamed and served with garlic butter.

Seafood restaurants pride themselves in their own secret sauce recipes to accompany your order. In choosing lobsters, the joint between the head and tail must be translucent and not of a black discoloration.

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PRAWNS

A wide variety of **prawns** are available grey or pink. Tiger prawns are commonly called jumbo prawns. They are usually barbequed and the meat pulls easily away from the shell. Slit in half, and sauteed with garlic butter, is another popular way of cooking prawns.

Smaller prawns can be deliciously prepared with steamed herbs, fried with garlic pepper, or baked with salt. But one should not leave Phuket without trying **Tom Yum Goong**, the undeclared national soup of Thailand made of lemon grass, ginger, and shrimp. When selecting prawns, the head should not be discolored, nor should they have an unpleasant smell.



CRABS

Crabs taste great when fried with curry powder. A plate of chilli crabs with extra hot peppers is for persons who love hot food. Crab claws, with glass noodles and celery is a mild and tempting Thai dish served in a clay pot. Barbequed crabs is an interesting way of preparation, while steamed crabs are the European way of savoring the natural sweetness of the meat. To assure freshness, crabs must be alive when you select them.



SPECIALITY RESTAURANTS IN RESORTS

Boathouse Inn

Thai & International

Kata Beach, Tel: 381557-60

Dressed in navy outfits, the waitresses arrive at your ocean view table with wooden slate menu. The Boathouse Inn is located right on the sea-front, where you can enjoy the soft sea breezes, while enjoying some of the house specialities, with over 90 selections on the menu. Some favorites are sauteed herbed duckling in garlic and ground pepper sauce, and baked herbed prawn in young coconut.

guitarist serenades you from 18:00 on.

Open: 07:30-22:30

Price Range: B 300-400/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: imported beer, wine, liquors

Chart Room Grill

French

Phuket Yacht Club, Nai Harn Beach, Tel: 381156

A superb grillroom, overlooking the Andaman Sea. The Chart Room Grill serves international cuisine and fresh seafood in a fascinating ambience and nautical sophistication. Enjoy a before dinner cocktail or after dinner drink at the Piano Lounge.

Open: 18:00-23:00

Price Range: B 600-1,000/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Fisherman's Tavern

French Provencale

Kamala Beach, Tel: 01-723-0379

Chef Christophe Moulard, who brought 3 Michelin star ratings to two of France's top restaurants, now brings a new class of dining to Phuket; bell peppers with olive oil and fresh asparagus, tiger lobster provencale, loin of lamb sauteed with thyme, salmon in pastry puff with spinach, and hot apple tarts.

Open: 12:00-14:00

Price Range: B 600-1500

18:30-22:00

Capacity: 40

Cocktails: Petit feurs/wine list

Le Beaulieu

French

Kata Thani Hotel, Kata Noi Beach, Tel: 381124-7

The elegant Le Beaulieu Grill Room faces the beach with dinner music played by a pianist. Connoisseur's of fine cuisine will be delighted to sample such an array of exotic and international dishes from the formal restaurant. The goose liver and breaded duckling are sumptuous, the steaks are grilled to perfection, and for dessert cherries jubilees are flambeed and served with vanilla ice cream.

Open: 18:00-23:00

Price Range: B 500/two persons

Capacity: 40

Cocktails: imported wine

Le Phuket

French

Le Meridien Hotel, Karon Noi Bay, Tel: 321481-5

A warm interior made of woods, a small antique display as you walk in, and a smiling hostess is your welcome at Le Phuket. Featuring french cuisine with a touch of asian spices. Lobster raviolis in noilly sauce is a nice start, sea bass, fresh salmon or duck are amongst the favorite, all are served with their own exotic garnishes

and sauces.

Open: 19:30-22:00 daily Price Range: B 600-800/two persons
Capacity: 60 Cocktails: imported wines, champagne

Light House

French

Phuket Island Resort, Rawai Beach, Tel: 381010-7

Au monsieur, what delightful french cuisine! This is one of the most prestigious French restaurants in Phuket and every dish bears the individual hallmark of the french master chef. Flambe is the specialty with cooking demonstrations at your table. Indeed, with the Louis XIV decor, and the soft piano serenade, you will feel transported back to Paris.

Open: 18:30-20:30 Price Range: B 700-800/two persons
Capacity: 30 Cocktails: wine, champagne, liquors

Mook Thong

Thai

*Baan Sukhothai Hotel, 95 Rath-u-tit Road, Patong Beach,
Tel: 321195, 321196*

The Mook Thong restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It offers a wide selection of Thai, Chinese, Western, and seafood dishes. But what this restaurant does best is Royal Thai Cuisine.

Open: 06:00-24:00 Price Range: B 200-300/two persons
Capacity: 250 Cocktails: wine, whiskey, and liquors

Moon Terrace

Seafood

Phuket Island Resort, Rawai Beach, Tel: 381010-7

Seafood barbeque, fresh from the sea and hot off the grill, is what the Moon Terrace is favored for. In fact the barbequed shellfish is so fresh they click their claws to a rumba rhythm like castinettes, in tune to the "Chao Ley" the dinner band.

Open: 18:30-22:30 Price Range: B 500-600/two persons
Capacity: 120 Cocktails: beer, liquors

Napalai Restaurant

International

Karon Royal Wing, Karon Beach Tel: 381139-48

The Napalai Restaurant is a quiet retreat, where the food is expertly prepared and the stylish classical Thai costumes of the waitresses complements the atmosphere. Their continental menu includes imported veal steak, a set daily dinner menu, home made bakery, and sandwich corner. Should you be looking for a late night meal, you will find a perfect meal here.

Open: 24 hours Price Range: B 350-400/two persons
Capacity: 100 Cocktails: champagne, hard liquor, imported wine

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Parichart Seafood Inn

Seafood

Karon Villa, Karon Beach, Tel: 381139

The Parichart Seafood Inn offers you the choice of an air-conditioned indoor setting of terrace dining. In fact, they can cater to intimate small table dining, or large round tables that seat up to 10 persons. The tiger prawns, and Phuket lobster are favorites on the menu with lobster thermidor a speciality of the house. Thai classical show is performed daily between 17:30-22:00, with Muay Thai kick boxing on Mondays from 21:00-21:30, and Plong fighting show on Wednesdays from 21:00-21:30.

Open: 18:30-24:00

Price Range: B 350-400/two persons

Capacity: 150

Cocktails: whiskey, wine, imported beer

Quarterdeck

Thai & International

Phuket Yacht Club, Nai Harn Beach, Tel: 381156

An informal, open-air terrace with a fine view of the Nai Harn Bay. The menu offers Thai and international favorites for informal dining from breakfast through to a late dinner. Frequent evening events include a barbeque dinner, South Sea buffet, and Thai Night themes.

Open: 07:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300-600/two persons

Capacity: 120

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Regal Rendezvous

Seafood

Thara Patong Beach Resort, Patong Beach, Tel: 321135

Regal Rendezvous with its superb European, Chinese, and seafood cuisine prepare food second to none with its poached lobster in white wine and shrimp sauce, seafood kabab, seafood mixed grill with red wine sauce, the special Thara lobster thermidor, and the special Thara sirloin steak grilled with pineapple, tomato, and diced ham in a rich gravy sauce.

Open: 06:30-24:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 200

Cocktails: wine

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Sakura

Japanese

Karon Royal Wing, Karon Beach, Tel: 381139

Their Japanese chefs create the freshest Japanese appetizers and entrees to complement the authentic atmosphere. Saba Teriyaki, Kushikatsu, and Saba steak are all irresistible. There is a sushi bar, and private rooms for more intimate dining.

Open: 19:00-23:00

Price Range: B 500/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: sake, wine, imported beer

San Sai Seafood

Seafood

Thavorn Palm Beach Hotel, Karon Beach, Tel: 381034-7

This intimate restaurant can serve 80 on their open-air terrace and enclosed dining room. The seafood specialities are lobster thermidor, and only seafood is served. Every Saturday, a seafood barbeque is set up.

Open: 17:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300-500/two persons

Capacity: 80

Cocktails: imported liquors

Savory

Seafood

Safari Beach Hotel, Patong Beach, Tel: 321230-1

Hidden away in the Safari Beach Hotel is a bargain for connoisseurs of seafood. Their lobster weighs a whopping 400 grams. For big game hunters, the barbeque tiger prawns are the savory special to stake out. Thai classical music is performed on Tuesday from 19:30-21:30.

Open: 10:00-24:00

Price Range: B 160-180/two persons

Capacity: 250

Cocktails: beer, wine, whiskey

Shintaro

Japanese

Phuket Island Resort, Rawai Beach, Tel: 381010-7

The presentation of meals in Japan is a high art form and this perfection is reached at Shintaro. You can enjoy the superbly prepared Japanese dishes, complete with kimono-clad, slippered hostesses. You can eat at the sushi bar, or on the Japanese style low tables. Try the lobster sashimi, suki yaki, shaboo-shaboo (mixed seafood). The view from the restaurant faces the sea, what better place to enjoy the perfect meal with the perfect view.

Open: 18:30-22:30

Price Range: B 500-600/two persons

Capacity: 40

Cocktails: sake, beer

Tai Kong Restaurant

Steak & Seafood

Phuket Arcadia Hotel, Karon Beach, Tel: 381038 ext. 2080

The speciality of the house is the live Phuket lobster, grilled to perfection, with a slice of prime US beef. A personal touch is their evening entertainment, a singer who will serenade you at your table from 20:00-20:45. The atmosphere is plush, the taste is delectable, and all one needs to do is arrive at the Tai Kong Restaurant for a memorable evening.

Open: 18:00-23:00

Price Range: B 800-1,000/two persons

Capacity: 120

Cocktails: Full bar plus wine display

Thai Gourmet

Thai

Thavorn Palm Beach Hotel, Karon Beach, Tel: 381034-7

The Thai Gourmet Restaurant is renowned for its Thai style seafood, particularly with coconut milk. The waitresses dress in traditional Thai costumes and a classical Thai dance performance accompanies your dining pleasure on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday nights.

Open: 18:00-23:00

Price Range: B 250-900/two persons

Capacity: 250

Cocktails: imported liquors

Terrace Restaurant

Italian

Karon Bay Inn, Patak Road, Karon Beach

On top of the hill overlooking the Andaman Sea, The Terrace Restaurant is a quiet and attractive setting for an intimate Italian style dinner. Most of the ingredients are air flown directly from Italy. All meals are served with a choice of potatoes and steamed vegetables.

Open: 07:00-23:00

Price Range: B 400/two persons

Capacity: 70

Cocktails: imported wine

Tien Kung Chinese Restaurant

Chinese

Phuket Merlin Hotel, Phuket Town, Tel: 212866-70

For many visitors, the heart of Phuket Town is on the crown of the Merlin Hotel. From their rooftop restaurant overlooking the Andaman Sea, with their entrance beautifully decorated with green bamboos, you will sit down to a sumptuous feast. Fried crispy duck with plum sauce and the "Merlin" marinated chicken are delectable. Dining entertainment includes a pianist and singer between 12:30-14:30 and 19:00-22:30.

Open: 10:30-22:30

Price Range: B 600-700/two persons

Capacity: 150-200

Cocktails: wine, beer, liquors

Top of the Reef

French

Cape Panwa Sheraton Hotel, 27 Mu 8 Sakdidej Road, Tel: 391123

The Top of the Reef is one of five food and entertainment outlets. The Cafe Andaman serves continental and local cuisine. The Otter's Bar has a cocktail lounge with live music. The Lighthouse is furnished with genuine nautical antiques and serves drinks and pub meals. The Panwa House is set in an authentic mansion on the beach serving morning and afternoon teas, and Thai cuisine.

Open: 19:00-22:30

Price Range: B 400-600/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: beer, wine, champagne, liquors

Trattoria Bella Isola

Italian

Phuket Island Resort, Rawai Beach, Tel: 381010

For a night of Italian cuisine, visit the Trattoria Bella Isola which serves fine home-made Italian specialities with all its ingredients air-flown from Italy. Particularly delicious are their gelatti ice creams.

Open: 18:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 150

Cocktails: imported wine

PATONG

Aquatique Restaurant

*Seafood &
International*

Phuket Cabana Hotel,

Patong Beach, Tel: 321138

Take your pick from European, Thai, and Chinese food. All expertly prepared by their chefs. Specialities of the house include pilab man poo, shrimp ball wrapped with chicken skin and crab meat sauce, lab ta-lay seafood salad with a spicy sour taste, and yam goong sieb smoked shrimp salad with onion and chilli. Entertainment is featured nightly with a Thai buffet on Monday, and a barbeque seafood buffet on Thursday.

Open: 06:00-24:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons.

Capacity: 200

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Baan Rim Pa

Thai

100/7 Kalim Beach Rd., Patong Beach Tel: 01-723-0386

Perched upon the cliff on the north end of Patong Beach, overlooking Patong Bay, sits this unique open-terraced Thai restaurant. Baan Rim Pa offers a revival of classic Thai cooking by Charlie, the creator of the THAI COOKING SCHOOL. Simply a must! The finest food, excellent service, and beautiful surroundings. Select from the set menus or be a bit of a devil and choose from the a la carte selections.

Open: 12:00 -23:30

Price Range: B 300-500/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: imported wine, beer

Babaylon

Italian

93/12 Bangla Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321156

Real, homemade Italian fare is the specialty at Babaylon. The chef recommends you to try all the pizzas and the lasagna sauce is simply magnifico!

Open: 08:00-23:00

Price Range: B 250-350/two persons

Capacity: 30

Cocktails: wine, beer

Baitong Terrace

Seafood

Patong Beach Hotel, Tel: 321301

Baitong's original Thai recipes are incomparably delicious and there are over 200 exquisite dishes from which to choose from. Feast upon a selection of Tom Yum Goong, the undeclared national soup of Thailand, a different barbeque seafood each day, with a buffet party night once a week. On Friday, there is a buffet and Thai classical dance show presented.

Open: 06:00-24:00

Price Range: B 250/two persons

Capacity: 160

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Buffalo Steak House

Western

94/25-26 Soi Patong Resort, Patong Beach

If you'd like a change from seafood, the wild west atmosphere of the Buffalo Steak House is the place to mosey on over to. The select cuts of prime beef are all imported from New Zealand. If you're really

hungry, try the steak House Mixed Grill. The menu also features a selection of hearty sandwiches. For dessert, the flambeed fried banana with Grand Marnier and ice cream is delicious.

Open: 12:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300-500/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: wine, whiskey, liquors

Chao Koh Restaurant

Thai

Soi Post Office, Patong Beach

Inside this open air restaurant is the biggest menu greeting every customer. Thai food is the speciality here with a special fried rice priced reasonably at 25 baht and other Thai dishes between 25-40 baht. Stop on in for some real southern cooking.

Open: 10:00-24:00

Price Range: B 120-150/two persons

Capacity: 35

Cocktails: beer, liquors

Charlies Restaurant

Scandinavian

65/20 Soi San Sabai

Our quiet, family type restaurant offers good service and excellent home cooking. Our specialities include meatballs in curry, sausage with mashed potatoes, wiener schnitzel's, pork chops and desserts that Scandinavia is famous for. A TV and video lounge is available with rooms for rent upstairs.

Open: 09:00-midnight

Price Range: B200-300/two persons

Capacity: 35

Cocktails: fully stocked bar

Cowboy Pub & Restaurant

Western

89/33-35 Soi Post Office, Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach

Just like their Phuket town restaurant, the Cowboy Pub & Restaurant is the place to wrangle up a fine western meal. Thai, Chinese, European, and seafood dishes are listed on the menu and cowboy music is featured.

Open: 11:00-24:00

Price Range: B 250-300/two persons

Cocktails: beer, whiskey, liquors

Da Rico Pizzeria

Italian

Soi Post Office, Patong Beach

Pizza, lasagna, spaghetti...it makes you hungry already. to check out the 100+ list of Italian dishes available from the biggest Italian restaurant on Patong. Inside the decor is red, white, and green, the colors that reflect the Italian national flag.

Open: 12:00-22:30

Price Range: B 350-400/two persons

Capacity: 120

Cocktails: wine, beer

Fondue & Steak House

International

94/20 Soi Patong Resort, Patong Beach, Tel: 321033

The only one in Phuket. Our specialities are beef and cheese fondue. Try our pepper steak and you will remember your stay in Patong. We also serve spaghetti, pizza, croccante, and sottile. For dessert, our chef recommends chocolate fondue-the best in town.

Open: 11:00-23:00

Price Range: B 500/two persons

Capacity: 60

Cocktails: beer and imported wine

Grillhütte

Austrian

61/13-15 Patong Beach, Tel: 321128

If you have a hearty appetite, try No. 34 the Wienerschnitzel mit Bratkatoffin-escallops "Vienna style" with home fried potatoes and salad. Or, No. 46 Wiener Zwiebelrostbraten mit Rostkartoffeln - the roast beef steak with baked potato and sauteed onions. The meat is the tenderest, and the Thai chef was trained in Austria.

Capacity: 100

Price Range: B 400/two persons

Cocktails: beer bar, draft beer, 1/4
gespritzterweiss, liquor

Halfway Restaurant

Steakhouse & Seafood

17/2 Rat-u-thit Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 211684

This is one of Phuket's newest restaurants featuring a special set menu of the day. Breakfast is a reasonable 50-60 baht with thick sliced bacon and fresh squeezed orange juice as an eye opener. A wide choice of Thai or continental dishes are served for lunch and dinner. Go all the way and try a steak and seafood combination at the Halfway Restaurant and see how tasty their meals are.

Open: 07:00-22:00

Price Range: B 250-300/two persons

Capacity: 80

Cocktails: beer, wine, whiskey

Krua-Thai Andaman

Thai

99/61 Rat-u-thit Road, near Andaman Hospital, Patong Beach

Under the same management as the Krua-Thai restaurant on Rasada Road in Phuket Town, you will enjoy the best of Thai cuisine, freshly and expertly prepared. A seafood specialty is the Thai tasty salad topped on a crispy fried fish. A superb meat dish is gaeng matsuman nua guaranteed to make you want to extend your visa.

Open: 09:00-21:00

Price Range: B 200/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: beer

Laem Petch

Thai

100/3 Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321078

This secluded restaurant fronted on Patong Beach, and edged by gentle, lush green hills, provides the ideal setting for a seafood restaurant. Here, you can feast upon the fresh seafood daily harvested from the sea. Lobsters, crabs, prawns, shrimps, mussels, clams, and oysters are combined with the freshest ingredients.

Open: 11:00-23:00

Price Range: B 200-300/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: beer, wine

Lai Mai

Western & Thai

86/15 Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321141 Ext. Lai Mai

When you walk by the Lai Mai Restaurant, you will deviate from your course because the smell of home baked bread and freshly brewed coffee smells so good, you'll know that the rest of the menu must be delicious.

Open: 07:00-24:00

Price Range: B 100-200/two persons

Capacity: 70

Cocktails: beer

Malee Seafood Village

European Seafood

Taweewong Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321205

Located in the center of Patong, this tastefully decorated, open-air restaurant faces the sea. Seafood is the specialty on the menu, but all their superb menu selections are European prepared dishes.

Open: 08:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 120

Cocktails: wine, beer

Mon Bijou (Berliner Gasthaus)

German

72/5 Raj-u-thit Road, Patong Beach, Tel: (01) 723-0131

Located 350 m. from the waterfront is a true German eatery. Mon Bijou, meaning My jewel, has been converted from a family home into a cosy restaurant of mediterannean style. Their Berliner Boulette with potato salad is 50 baht, and other delicious choices are reasonably priced, including their cold beer at 40 baht.

Open: 09:00-24:00

Price Range: B 200/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: beer, stocked bar

No. 1 Seafood & Wine Garden

Seafood

81/40 Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321244

Steak and seafood combinations are the specialty at the No. 1 restaurant. Their Steak No. 1 is prepared with three different sauces, the whole lobster in Thai curry and whole lobster fried with garlic pepper are hard to choose between. Even still, the chef's favorite is the Phuket lobster with special white wine sauce.

Open: 08:00-23:00 Price Range: B 450/two persons

Capacity: 200 Cocktails: imported wines, whiskey, champagne

No. 4 Seafood

Seafood

Bangla Road, Patong Beach

The No. 4 Seafood is one of the most well known restaurants on Patong Beach. Their seafood specialties are expertly prepared, and their lobster thermidor, broiled fish fillet, and steamed shrimp are everyone's favorite choice.

Open: 12:00-15:00, 17:00-23:00 Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 80

Cocktails: wine, beer

Paciugo

Ice Cream

Soi Patong Resort, Patong Beach

This ice cream parlor makes its own gelatto, sherberts, and rich ice cream floats. Real food is on the menu too, but with such delicious ice cream, why not have a backwards dinner with dessert first?

Open: 11:00 02:00

Price Range: B 100/two persons

Capacity: 50

Papagayo

French

94/8 Soi Patong, Patong Beach

Papagayo is the new traditional french restaurant in Patong. Their all french menu specializes in jambon de pays, saucisson, escargots de bourgogne, tartare du chef, magrets de bavette echalotte, canard, son delieux filet de charolais, périgourdin aux truffes et foie gras, and piece de boeuf au morilles, et ses fromages de France.

Open: 11:00-23:00

Price Range: B350-400/two persons

Capacity: 80

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Patong Seafood Restaurant

Seafood

98/2 Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321247

Patong Seafood Restaurant is a delightful place to watch the sunset (or sunrise) and enjoy lobster thermidor, roasted tiger prawns with sweet corn, or fried tiger prawns in tamarind sauce.

Open: 07:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 150

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Pizzeria

Italian

Holiday Inn, Patong Beach, Tel: 321020

Piping hot home-made pizza and pasta are served in the open-air garden next to the swimming pool. A small children's pizza is offered and a salad bar is only 50 baht.

Open: 19:30-23:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: wine list

Riviera Restaurant

French & Italian

Holiday Inn, Patong Beach, Tel: 321020

Specialities from the south of France and the heart of Italy is what the Riviera is known for. They serve excellent terrines and pates along with an extensive wine list. A children's menu is available.

Open: 18:00-23:00

Price Range: B 600-1,000/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: wine list

S & G

Western

89/8 Soi Post Office, Patong Beach

Feeling homesick? Here, the friendly waitresses will set you at ease. Pepper steak, spaghetti, espresso coffee, and a chocolate sundae will erase those longings for home, then join back in to your holiday with one of their tasty Thai dishes.

Open: 10:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: wine, beer

Sabai-Sabai

Thai & Western

89/7 Soi Post Office, Patong Beach

Excellent service is the trademark of Sabai-Sabai. Sample a unique range of authentic Thai cuisine, from Tom Yum Goong (shrimp soup) to sweet and sour fish. A neat and clean atmosphere coupled with impeccable service will bring you back again and again.

Open: 07:30-22:00

Price Range: B 200/two persons

Capacity: 35

Cocktails: beer, whiskey

Shalimar

Indian

89/59 Soi Post Office, Patong Beach, Tel: (01) 7230488

Phuket has many fine restaurants, but if you are looking for an Indian meal, your first choice should be Shalimar. The menu contains all the traditional dishes that you would expect to find, with a full range of curries and Tandoori specialities and freshly baked nan bread. The fine food, reasonable prices, and friendly service make this restaurant a favorite among many visitors to Patong.

Open: 11:00-23:30

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 55

Cocktails: beer

Suan Nok

Thai

Holiday Inn, Patong Beach, Tel: 321020

Delicious Thai dishes in an intimate setting is what Suan Nok is all about. Soft Thai dinner music is played and a wine list complements the individually prepared meals offered.

Open: 18:00-23:00

Price Range: B 350/two persons

Capacity: 80

Cocktails: wine list

Taj Mahal (Riffis)

Indian

89/119 Soi Permpong Pattana II, Patong Beach Road, Patong

You can select your favorite dishes from our extensive menu. We specialize in Indian food and we are sure you don't want to miss our specialties, mutton-prepared fresh, Mughalai specials including lobster and seafood. An extensive selection of vegetarian dishes available. Enjoy delicious food in our small cozy restaurant. Air-conditioned room is available upstairs.

Open: 11:00-24:00

Price Range: B250/two persons

Capacity: 35

Cocktails: full bar

The Living Place

Seafood

Opposite the Sai Namyen School, Patong, Tel: 321121

From the ice display a bountiful catch of fresh seafood can be picked and specially cooked to absolute perfection, then served in the open-air atmosphere or air-conditioned dining room. A delectable dining experience.

Open: 11:00-23:00

Price Range: B 350-400/two persons

Capacity: 70

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Tum Restaurant

Seafood

82/2-3 Soi Bang-la, Patong Beach, Tel: 321344

This restaurant offers a wide variety of seafood cuisines to satisfy every taste and palate. You may take your pick from an array of ocean fresh seafood and order it to be cooked just the way you like. Lobster and red tiger prawns are a favorite of everybody, but the catch of the day is always especially prepared.

Open: 08:00-23:30

Price Range: B 200-300/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: beer, whiskey, wine

Vecchia Venezia

Italian

82/16 Rat-u-thit Road, Patong Beach

101 ways to serve pizza is the specialty at this Italian restaurant. It's easy decor, and open-air dining room will liken your taste buds for a second pizza!

Open: 11:00-23:00

Price Range: B 250/two persons

Capacity: 40

Cocktails: beer, wine

KATA/KARON

Hayashi

Japanese

137/1 Moo 2 Soi Hinkao, Patak Road, Karon Beach Tel: 381710-4

Located on top of the hill, overlooking Chalong and Kata bays, is the Hayashi Japanese Restaurant. You will be struck by the beautiful presentation of the authentic Japanese cuisine, prepared by a master chef. You can enjoy a warm or cold sake, while relishing on a Japanese appetizer of Shishamo (Grilled shishamo fish), Saba steak, Udon, Saba noodles, and Saba Teriyaki (Mackerel broiled with dark soy sauce).

Open: 07:00-23:00

Price Range: B 400-600/two persons

Capacity: 200

Cocktails: sake, whiskey, beer

Jack and Joy

European & Seafood

Opp. Kata Plaza, Kata Beach

The extensive menu features Thai, Chinese, and international cuisine, with the emphasis on seafood. Try the charcoal grilled fish in banana leaves, or the steamed fish in tamarind sauce. A Jack and Joy specialty is the fried shrimp with cashew nut served in a pineapple. Jack and Joy is one of the oldest restaurants on Kata Beach, and a favorite with visitors and locals alike.

Open: 08:30-24:00

Price Range: B 150-200/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: imported wines and whiskey

Kan Eang

Seafood

9/3 Chaofa Road, Chalong Bay, Tel: 381323, 381661

The Kan Eang Seafood Restaurant is the most popular in Phuket. They serve an array of succulent fresh seafood, expertly prepared and cooked. You can believe that if it swims, they have it. The recommended dishes are Nam Phrik Kung Siep, smoked shrimp with shrimp paste, chilli sauce and lemon, Nam Prik Phuket is fresh Phuket shrimp, and the house favorite dish is Phuket lobster. Situated off the main road, overlooking Chalong Bay, this open-air restaurant under the shade trees is certain to fulfill all your seafood fantasies. A must for a memorable experience.

Open: 10:00-22:00

Price Range: B 300-500/two persons

Capacity: 300-400

Cocktails: wine, beer, whiskey

Lobster & Prawn

Seafood

114/28-29 Kata Centre, Kata Beach, Tel: 381619

Nice taste, fresh food, and good prices is how the Lobster & Prawn describes themselves. For added convenience, they will pick you up give you transport back to your place if you are staying in a 5 km. radius. Especially you will enjoy the very good baked mussels in herb butter sauce.

Cocktails: beer, liquors

Maxim's

Seafood

Karon Beach, Tel: 381500-2

Eat, drink and be merry at Maxim's seafood restaurant. This restaurant faces the sea, and the view from the first floor is lovely.

Lobster Thermidor, and black pepper steak served with rice pilaf are the house specialities. The meals are inexpensive and satisfying.

Open: 08:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons.

Capacity: 60

*Cocktails: imported wines and
cocktails*

Pa•Ka•Rang

Restaurant & Coffee House

36/10 Crystal Beach Hotel, Karon Beach, Tel: 381580

Intimately nestled beside the Cristal Beach Hotel, this privately-owned restaurant is the perfect hideaway for a romantic dinner. Thai, Chinese, and European entrees are listed on the menu, but the European and Chinese grills are favorite selections on the menu if you have a hard time deciding.

Open: 07:00-22:00

Price Range: B 400/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquor

Ristorante Italiano Pizzeria

Italian

Karon Beach

For Italian fare, this is the best choice in Phuket. It exudes a genuine cosy Italian atmosphere with wooden chairs to complement the traditional menu. Pizzas, lasagnas, spaghetti, and real garlic bread keep this restaurant busy until closing.

Open: 12:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300-400/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: Italian wine, beer

Swiss Restaurant and Bakery *European & Bakery*

Patak Road, near Bougainvilla Apartments, Tel: 381463

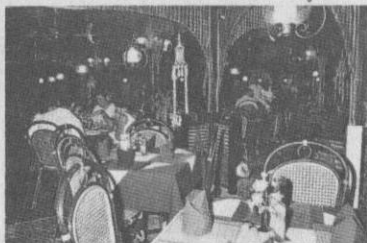
Deliciously prepared European and bakery treats awaits your arrival. A house specialty is the crispy baked potatoes with sliced fillet of beef in mushroom cream sauce. They also have live seafood tanks to select from, and imported cheese, sausages, and salami. Their homemade rye bread, croissants, cakes, and bretzels are mouth watering when accompanied with their imported swiss blend of coffee.

Open: 07:00-22:00

Price Range: B 300-400/two persons

Capacity: 80

Cocktails: French table wine, whiskey



Malee Seafood Village

Patong Beach Tel 321-205

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Erawan

Seafood Chinese style

41/34 Montri Road, near Pearl Hotel, Phuket Town Tel: 215299

Charcoal grilled Phuket lobster, shark fin soup in brown gravy soup, sauteed abalone, and lobster with oyster sauce are a sampling of the seafood selection of the Erawan Restaurant. This clean and simple atmosphere is a favorite among the Japanese tourists, and for westerners who want to try the unique chinese style of preparing seafood, this is the place to go.

Open: 09:00-24:00

Price Range: B 300-400/two persons

Capacity: 200

Cocktails: beer

Jack and Joy Restaurant

Thai

118-120 Phang Nga Road, Tel: 211838

Located behind the Pearl Theater in the center of town, you will find a pleasant, friendly atmosphere serving Thai food, tender steaks, fried fish in tamarind sauce, and tom yum goong as some of the specialities on the menu in this air-conditioned restaurant.

Open: 08:00-02:00

Price Range: B 200-300/two persons

Capacity: 60

Cocktails: beer, wine

Kaw Yam Restaurant and Bakery

Thai

11/1 Thung Kaa Road, Opp. Phuket Merlin Hotel,
Phuket Town, Tel: 214201

The price is reasonable, the food is tasty, and its quiet and clean atmosphere makes this a memorable place to return to. Local Thai food occupies most of the menu, but if all you want is cake and coffee, you will find that special pastry here.

Open: 07:30-22:00

Price Range: B100/two persons

Capacity: 40

Khao Rung Restaurant

Thai & Seafood

Khao Rung Hill, Phuket Town

Situated on top of the hill, looking out over Phuket Town, one can enjoy the excellent Thai cuisine or seafood, with a view all the way to the island dotted sea.

Open: 11:00-15:00, 18:00-23:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 80

Cocktails: wine, beer

Krua-Thai

Thai

62/7 Rasda Centre, Phuket Town, Tel: 213479

What distinguishes this restaurant from many other "typical Thai" restaurants is the superb quality and taste of the food. Some of the outstanding dishes to be tried are the lemon chicken, spicy thick curry, and fried cashew nuts with chicken. Popular place with locals and tourists.

Open: 10:00-22:00

Price Range: B 200/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: beer

Le Café

European

Rasada Center, Phuket Town, Tel: 215563

Friendly, intimate, and delicious is how to describe the quaint french restaurant. The homemade cakes and pies are baked daily, with a scoop of home made ice cream is a great afternoon snack... if you can wait. Hot croissants are served with eggs for breakfast, lunch includes sandwiches and salad, burgers, and snacks, while the dinner menu specializes in steaks.

Open: 10:00-22:00

Price Range: B 200/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: wine, beer

Lucky Seafood Garden

Seafood

66/1 Phuket Road, Saphan Hin, Phuket Town, Tel: 212175

Lucky Seafood has been a favorite among tour operators. Located in the Saphan Hin area facing Phuket Bay, there is a varied menu of Thai and Chinese seafood dishes. Steamed lobster with eggs, fried crab in curry, or steamed fish in chinese plum sauce. There is plenty of parking with open-air dining or air-conditioned rooms.

Open: 16:00-24:00

Price Range: B 300-400/two persons

Capacity: 600

Cocktails: beer

Miano

International

54/10-11 Montri Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 214605

The Miano Restaurant and video lounge is a comfortable, teakwood paneled restaurant with specialities on the menu changing every month. Some long standing favorites are the Phuket chicken salad, cordon blue, wiener schnitzel, fish fingers, honey roasted duck, and a large selection of pizzas with over 200 selections on the menu. There is a video bar upstairs nightly with lovely hostesses to serve you.

Open: 09:00-03:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 60

Cocktails: beer, red and white wine

Montree

Suki Yaki & Kao Tom

Montree Hotel, Montri Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 212936

For authentic chinese cuisine, you will find it at the Montree. Try the delicious crab meat spring rolls, fried crispy noodles, or stir fried pork. American breakfast is served from 07:00 for B45.

Open: 07:00-24:00

Price Range: B 200/two persons

Capacity: 100

Cocktails: whiskey, beer

On On Café

Thai

On On Hotel, Phang Nga Road, Phuket Town

Fast service at fair prices is what makes the On On Café a favorite choice among budget travellers. It is conveniently located in the heart of Phuket Town.

Open: 07:00-20:00

Price Range: B100/two persons

Capacity: 50

Cocktails: beer

Phuket Seafood

Seafood

66/2 Phuket Road, Saphan Hin, Phuket Town, Tel: 212245

Opposite the waterfront, the Phuket Seafood has earned a reputation for taste and quality. There is always an abundant variety of fresh seafood, which can be prepared every conceivable way. Steamed fish cooked in lemon grass with chilli and garlic can be grilled right before your eyes. Thai spicy salad with oysters and prawn lobsters are just to mention the succulent appetizers on their list.

Open: 10:30-23:00

Capacity: 900

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Phuket View Restaurant Thai, Japanese, & Seafood

87/12 Korsimbee Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 216865

What a romantic setting for a lunch or dinner outing, on top of the hill overlooking the sea. The Phuket View is the highest hilltop restaurant on Khao Rang hill with plenty of parking for 60 cars. Thai, Japanese, and fresh seafood are the main choices on the menu served innumerable ways.

Open: 11:00-24:00

Capacity: 250

Price Range: B300-350/two persons

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquors

Siang Chian Chinese Restaurant

Chinese

263-5 Talang Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 215928

Among the house specialities are steamed crab eggs with chinese sauce, grilled lobsters, and prawn soup. The chef knows 1001 ways to prepare the unique sauces and gravies for which chinese food is famous for.

Open: 06:30-14:30, 16:30-21:30

Capacity: 80

Price Range: B 400/two persons

Cocktails: Thai whiskey, beer

Suthep Roast Chicken

Chicken

480 Phuket Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 216792

Mouth-watering roasted chicken is what this restaurant is famous for. Honey basted on a rotisserie, with a special sweet chilli sauce, you will want to order another to go for a late night snack.

Open: 17:00-23:00

Capacity: 40

Price Range: B 250/two persons

Cocktails: Thai whiskey, beer

Tong An

Chinese

45-49 Phuket Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 211145

Chinese cuisine is a favorite at Tong An restaurant. Stewed abalone, spring rolls, frog legs, duck, and a special Lai An seafood are all worth sampling. This restaurant has been written up by several food connoisseur columnists and their vote is unanimous: delicious!

Open: 11:00-23:00

Capacity: 100

Price Range: B 500/two persons

Cocktails: beer, whiskey, liquors

Tunk-Ka Cafe

Thai, Seafood

Khao Rang Hill, Phuket Town, Tel: 211500

With a choice of indoor or outdoor dining for lunch and dinner, the view from Tunk-Ka Cafe Hilltop Restaurant at any time of day is fabulous over the city and to the island dotted horizon. The view matches the fabulous food with some seafood favorites being the seafood marinated in coconut sauce, the Thung Ka mixed grill, baked prawn with glass noodles in a steaming pot, and the seafood curry. The romantic, fresh air atmosphere among shade trees under the stars will help gain an appetite.

Open: 11:00-24:00

Price Range: B 300/two persons

Capacity: 300

Cocktails: Thai whiskey, beer

Yama Kasa

Japanese

95/15 Phuket Road, Phuket Town

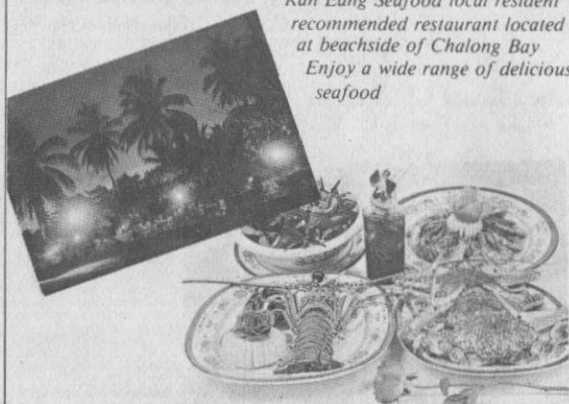
Yama Kasa features typical, traditional, popular and modern Japanese foods. Everyones favorite is the sashimi set lunch for 95 baht. They offer the most delicious coffee on the island, and the natural orange and pineapple juice is fresh squeezed. The food is delicious and very reasonably priced in an authentic Japanese setting.

Open: 10:00-22:00

Price Range: B 200-250/two persons

Capacity: 30

Cocktails: sake, wine, imported beer



KAN EANG SEA FOOD

*9/3 Chaofa Road, Chalong Bay, Phuket
Tel. (076) 216288, 216726*



Pole houses clinging to the shores of Phuket

Since the turn of the 20th century, Phuket has been the leader of the South, paving the way for modern transportation, world trade, and tourism on an international scale. Yet to look back upon old Phuket, 89 years ago, is to do so with affection and a sense of pride. For Phuket's rapid advancement into the 1900's was met with no resistance, and the islanders saw it as the best of times to be alive.

A PASSAGE TO PHUKET

Let us become time travellers ourselves and journey back to those days of yore, when elephants roamed the jungle and pirates sailed the seas. Through the following pages we can catch a glimpse of how life was like on the island of Phuket, and see how this adventurer's paradise has retained its natural beauty.



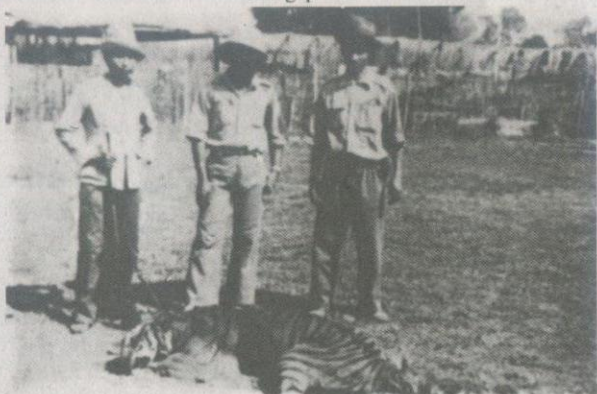
Southern police patrol

POPULATION.— Amazingly, the population of Phuket in the early 1900's was a mere 6,000; with the majority living in pole houses over the tidal waters. Phuket's population today is a mix of 140,000 residents from around the world; and, this tropical island receives five times as many international travellers to its shores every year. Yet this dynamic growth does not disrupt the harmony nor the flow of positive energy. Today, like a century ago, the island hospitality is still as warm as the southern sun.

TRANSPORTATION.— The construction of the Southern Railway Line in 1918, lead the south into the era of modernization. The automobile found its way to Phuket by ferry, sea planes flew into the tranquil waters on the eastern shores, and great ocean liners called upon this important sea port in the Andaman Sea.

NATURAL BEAUTY.— Surin Beach was a natural choice for Phuket's premier golf course. The emerald fairway melts into the Andaman Sea, and the amber sunsets provide a breathtaking view over the course that can still be played today.

The ridge of verdant hills in the province are a natural reservoir from which innumerable springs flow, through the jungle, to the sea. A century ago, wild elephants, rhinoceros, tiger, buffalo, and thousands of beautiful birds inhabited the hills of Phuket. Over the century, Phuket still retains its natural beauty as it continues to be one of the most enchanting places in S.E. Asia.

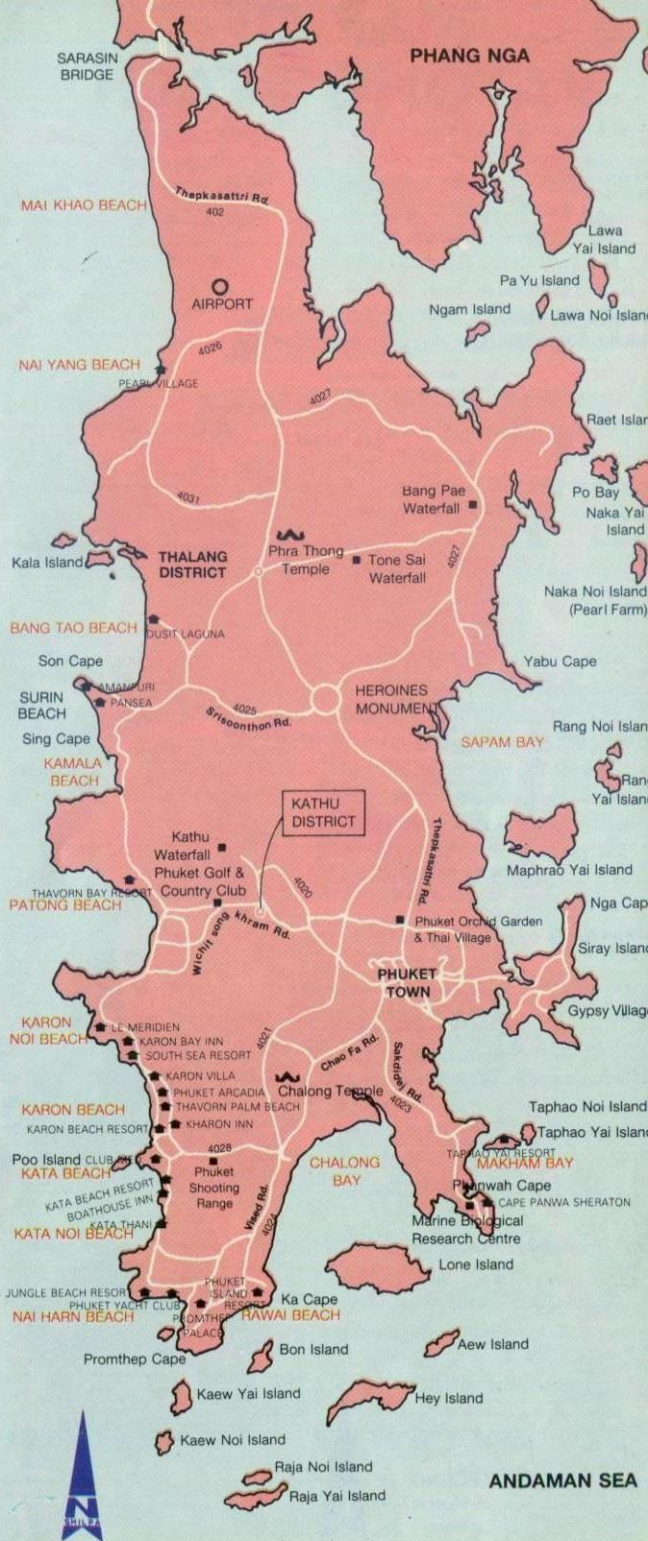


A captured tiger in the wilds of Phuket

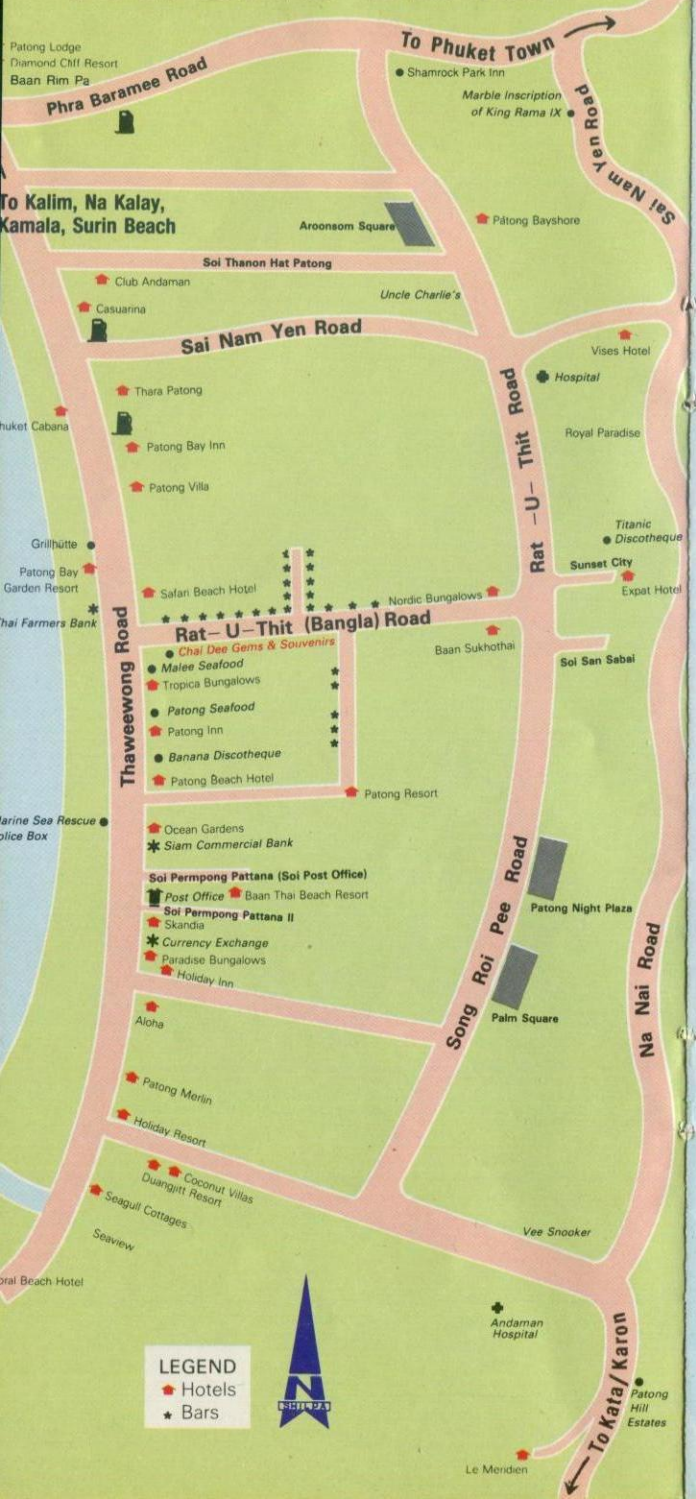
An interesting passage from Dr. Koenig's diary in 1779, reads: "24.— A tiger visited our house, but was satisfied with only one goose for this time, which he carried away with him to his hiding place, which was about 200 yards from our house in a dense opening wood at the back of the house....."

"27, 28.— I continued to collect insects. Towards evening I met a wild elephant, from which I had to escape."

Phuket will undoubtedly lure wanderlust adventurer's to its sparkling shores as it has done for centuries past. Let us look back upon our time passage through Phuket with fondness, realizing that this very moment, like then, is the best of times to be alive.



MAP OF PATONG BEACH



KARON & KATA

KARON BEACH



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KATA BEACH

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To Patong Beach

Karon Bay Inn

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South Sea Resort

Karon Villa &
Karon Royal Wing

Phuket Arcadia

Thavorn Palm

Karon Inn

Karon Shopping Mall

Karon Centre

Karon Beach Resort

Marina Cottage

Kata Centre

Sam Commercial Bank
Thai Farmers Bank
Kuang Thai Bank

Sam Diving Centre

Club Med

Hayashi Thai
House

Temple

Boathouse Inn Kata Beach Resort

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The Mansion

To Nai Ham Beach

To Phuket Town

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USEFUL TEL. NUMBERS IN TOWN

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| 1. Tourism Authority of Thailand | Tel. 212213 |
| 2. Thai International (Domestic Flights) | Tel. 211195 |
| 3. Thai International (International Flights) | Tel. 212400 |
| 4. Immigration Office | Tel. 212108 |
| 5. Customs Office | Tel. 211105-6 |
| 6. Phuket Provincial Police Station | Tel. 212115 |
| 7. Tourist Police Office | Tel. 212213 |
| 8. Marine Police | Tel. 211183 |
| 9. Public Telephone & Telecommunication Center | Tel. 211199 |
| 10. Bus Terminal | Tel. 211480 |
| 11. The Navy Radio Station 3 | Tel. 212008-9 |
| 12. Town Hall | Tel. 211366 |
| 13. District Administrative Office | Tel. 211171 |
| 14. Provincial Court | Tel. 211160 |

PHUKET TOWN



FRUITS OF THAILAND

WATERMELON

(TANG-MO)

To start your day, or at anytime to refreshen yourself —remove the seed & try a couple of slices of Thai tropical watermelon. Every bite is full of juice.

SEASON: All year round.

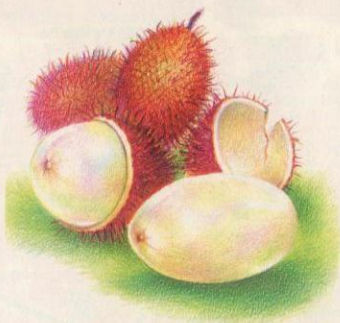


RAMBUTAN

(NGOR)

This kind of fruit with a hairy red rubbery shell is very well known in Thailand & other Asian countries. The flavoured meat is a must to try. Slightly cut round the middle with a knife to remove shell and then cut the meat to remove the seed.

SEASON: May to July.



PAPAYA

(MALA-KOR)

Refreshing & very rich in flavour. Try a slice of ripe papaya with a squeeze of lemon or lime juice. You can also eat unripe papaya as Thai salad with a lot of ingredients.

SEASON: All year round.



CUSTARD APPLE

(NOI-NA)

With the help of both palms, gently squeeze to open the fruit & enjoy the very soft & sweet taste of the meat with a spoon. Watch out for the seed in every particle.

SEASON: June to August.





LONGAN (*LAMYAI*)

The dark brown & very thin shell is easily cracked by a squeeze between thumb & forefinger. Every bite of translucent meat is delightful with sweet taste & juicy. Watch out for the hard stone. Grown in the North of Thailand.

SEASON: May to July



LYCHEE (*LINCHEE*)

Peel away the reddish skin with your thumb nail & let the sweet & sour taste of the fruit dry up your thirst. Watch out for the stone.

SEASON: April to May.



MANGO

(*MA-MUANG*)

You will find the best flavoured mango in this part of the world – try unripe mango with a mixture of sugar & salt for dipping. However, you may like to try a taste of ripe mango. It can be served alone or on sticky rice sprinkled with sesame seed & topped with sweet coconut milk.

SEASON: March to June.



MANGOSTEEN

(*MANG-KHUD*)

Gently cut about ½ inch deep round the middle. Remove the top portion & you will find the pure white flesh underneath the thick skin.

SEASON: June to October.



STRAWBERRY

An abundant fruit grown well in the northern area of Thailand. Thai's prefer with salt & sugar to give a sweet & sour taste. Or, try a fresh strawberry juice from the mixer with ice & sugar.

SEASON: December to February

BANANA (*KLUEY*)

You can eat fresh as a fruit or add syrup & deep-fry with a coating of flour as a dessert. There are 3 different kinds; Kluey Hom, Kluey Nam-Wah, & Kluey Khai, all different in size & flavour.

SEASON: All year round.



PINEAPPLE

(*SAPAROT*)

Pineapple is very rich in flavour & vitamin C. You will find the taste of Phuket pineapple is special – meat is pale in colour, a lot more crispy. Not too juicy or sweet. However, you will enjoy the difference with a pinch of salt to smooth the taste. The only pineapple where you can eat the core.

SEASON: All year round.



COCONUT

(*MA-PRAO-ONN*)

With a straw you can sip straight from the shell the natural & healthy fresh fruit juice. Then scrape out with a spoon the soft white flesh from inside the shell. You may need an expert to open the coconut for you. There's an art to making a hole in the top portion of the fruit with a hatchet to get the juice & flesh.

SEASON: All year round.



ROSE APPLE

(*CHAMPOO*)

With the different varieties of Rose Apple; some have bright green skin some have pink skin. They are different in sizes, although they all have white interior & the same flavour. Cut in half—remove seeds. Add sugar & salt to bring out the flavour.

SEASON: March to May.



ENTERTAINMENT

Chalong Bay Mini-Golf Park

Mini-Golf

Open: 10:00-24:00 daily

Play the full 18 rounds on the first standard mini-golf park in Thailand. After the game you can have a meal and refreshments at the Garden-Restaurant with Thai or European Food. Charming caddie girls are available for B5/game.

Crazy Horse Club

Horseback Riding

Nai Harn Beach, 2 km. before Phuket Yacht Club.

Is one of your fantasies to go horseback riding along the edge of the surf on a tropical beach? At the Crazy Horse near Kata Beach, this dream can come true with a choice of two trail rides. The first is a 1 hour ride on the beach and marshland fields. The second is a mountain trail ride for 2 hours or more with a great view of the landscape and sea. The price is 300 baht per hour and that includes the service of a guide that comes along to show the way, and give instructions on how to ride, although all the horses are gentle.

Crocodile World & Elephant Land

Aquarium

Chana Charoen Road, Tel: 211410

Open: 09:00-18:00 daily

On an area of 30 rai, is an open zoo with crocodiles, a snake farm, deer, an aviary, and elephant performances. With its recent renovation, the park will feature more animals in a new tropical garden atmosphere. Admission 50/200 show.

Fitness Club Center

Sports

Holiday Inn, Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach

Open: 09:00-21:00 daily, closed Sunday morning

The Fitness Club Center is a fully-equipped sports facility with the latest bodybuilding equipment, aerobic classes everyday, sauna for men and women, and massage rooms. The Fitness Club Center is expertly staffed and will provide personal instruction for beginners, and design individual programs for experienced members. Membership cards are available with daily, weekly, and monthly rates.

Naga Pearl

Pearl Farm

Koh Naga Noi, Tel: 213723

Open: 10:00-20:00

The Naga Pearl Farm is the only South Sea Pearl farm in the world that opened to public year round. While there, you can see a demonstration of the cultivation and harvest of a South Sea Pearl, shop for genuine pearls, enjoy delicious seafood, relax and swim on a private beach, cruise to neighboring islands, experience exciting water sports, and choose to spend the night on the private island in natural surroundings. A daily tour begins from 09:00-16:00 is available. You should not leave Phuket without a visit to the real Island of Pearls.

Nimit Snooker Club

Snooker

53/57 Nimit 1 Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 213202

Open: 09:00-closing

Snooker is the game played at the Nimit Club. There are 5 VIP tables at 120 baht an hour, and 5 standard tables that rent for 50 baht an hour. Watch the action from the bar where food and drinks are served. Nimit also offers VIP playing rooms with sofas, refrigerator, and snooker table.

Phuket Aquarium

Aquarium

National Biological Research Center, Phanwa Cape

Open: 10:00-16:00 daily

The Phuket Aquarium is a place where people can learn more about marine life and its environment as a preview to one's own snorkeling adventure. There are 50 observation tanks for the study of marine biology and coral culture. The admission is 10 baht, and fringing the aquarium house are souvenir shops and a coffee shop whose earnings are given to the aquarium.

Phuket Shooting Range

Shooting Range

82/2 Patak Road, Tel: 381667

Open: 09:30-18:00

Small arms target shooting is a field that precision in equipment and self are essential to reach the top. Phuket Shooting Range offers you the perfect chance. A 33 gallery indoor range with its own separate demonstration room, 2 outdoor ranges, with guns and rifles of varying calibre: .22, .38, .45 and 9mm. Highly qualified instructors are on hand to teach and answer any questions. Be a part of the action!

Phuket Orchid Garden & Thai Village Entertainment

Phuket Town, Tel: 214860

Open: 10:00-22:00

For a total southern experience, the Thai Village is an excellent opportunity to watch a spectacular show including Thai classical dance, swordfighting, kick boxing, and later treat yourself to an elephant ride. Art exhibits and handicrafts are for sale. Admission is 190 baht.

Thalang National Museum

Museum

located on way to airport, Tel: 311326

Open: 09:00-16:00 Wednesday to Sunday; closed Monday, Tuesday, and National Holidays

Inaugurated on 14 March 1989 by H.R.H. Princess Sirinthorn, the folk museum displays old brass, betel nut sets, different kinds of basketry unique to the South, tools used from the rubber plantation, and a scale model of a Phuket tin mining operation.

BARS/COCKTAIL LOUNGES

Black & White Cabaret

Bar

70/123 Opposite Royal Paradise Hotel, Patong Beach

Open: 19:00-closing

The gayest bar in town with over 20 handsome boys. We welcome all gentlemen for a real romantic and pleasant night in Phuket's only all-night boy and cabaret bar. A show is given every Monday and Friday from 23:00.

Butterfly Cocktail Lounge

Cocktail Lounge

Thavorn Hotel, 74 Rasda Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 211333

Open: 21:00-02:00

The mood is comradery among visitors to the Butterfly Cocktail Lounge. There is no cover charge and drinks range from 70-110 baht. An electronic keyboard band lets you boogie on the wooden dance floor.

Captain's Bar

Cocktail Lounge

Phuket Merlin Hotel, Phuket Town, Tel: 212866

Open: 16:00-01:00

This nautically decorated bar, with the waitresses dressed in sailor blues, is the perfect place to spin a yarn with a friend or two. Decorated with salt water aquariums on both walls, the atmosphere is warm, the music is soft, and the drinks are a smooth 70 baht. You'll want to say "anchors aweigh" and head on over to the Captain's Bar for an evening of entertainment.

Chaba Entertainment

Cocktail Lounge

Karon Villa Resort, Karon Beach, Tel: 381122

This relaxing and carefree club faces the sea and looks out over the glistening ocean to create a romantic, candlelit atmosphere. There is a small dance floor and a Thai band plays pop songs. All drinks are 120 baht and snacks are served as well. Happy hour occurs between 17:00-20:00 with a special price of 90 baht per drink. There is no cover charge.

Open: 20:30-01:30, Friday & Saturday until 02:00

Capacity: 80

Chao Fa Gentlemen Club

Bar/Cocktail Lounge

64/1 Chao Fa Road, Phuket, Tel: (076) 216530

Open: 19:00-02:00

A cocktail lounge with full bar and comfortable room with music in a relaxing atmosphere. Come and visit us at Chao Fa Gentlemen Club. Our 15 boys are waiting to welcome you.

Easyriders Chopper Pub

Bar

144/64 Kata Centre, Kata Beach

For motorcycle fans, this is a great place to cruise into and enjoy the live rock music with the hostesses in black leather costumes. You can really put your kickstand down at the Easyriders Chopper Pub.

Open: 18:00-24:00

Capacity: 50

Price Range: B 400/two persons

Cocktails: beer, wine, liquor

Expat "Rock 'n' Roll Resort" Hotel Bar

Pub

Sunset City, Patong Beach, Tel: 321300

Rock 'n Roll to your hearts content among the landscaped gardens and swimming pool. Darts, pool, rock music videos are here for your entertainment while enjoying the best hamburgers on the beach, or their good Thai and European food, imported beer and bar snacks.

Gelateria "Paciugo"

Bar

94/22 Soi Patong Resort, Patong Beach, Tel: 321290

Open: 11:00-02:00

Enjoy a piece of Italy in a true all night open Italian cafe. Try their famous homemade Italian ice cream, Phuket's best cappuccino, and delicious sandwiches. Or, choose between twelve of their superb pizzas (feel free to make your own pizza combination), imported beers, and special cocktails are served at normal prices.

My Way

Bar

89/26-28 Soi Post Office, Patong Beach

Open: 19:00-02:00

The best a go-go boy dancing with 40 good looking and very attractive boys. Welcome all gentlemen to enjoy a hot night dancing at Phuket's only boy bar that knows how to swing.

New Joy

Hostess/Cocktail Lounge

74/12 Phuket Night Plaza, Poonphol Road, Phuket Town,

Tel: 215897

Open: 13:00-03:00

Fifty beautiful hostesses in a cozy atmosphere is the only lounge of its kind with a full bar in Phuket. Come and enjoy at the new try.

Rock Hard A Go-Go

Bar

82/51 Soi Bangla, Patong, Tel: 321275

Open: 21:00-03:00

At the Rock Hard A Go-Go, you will find a fantastic light show with unusual decor. This is where Patong's finest and most modern bar offers the latest in music with friendly English speaking dancers and staff. After you've come to the Rock Hard A Go-Go once, you'll be back again.

Telegraph Road

Bar/Coffee Shop

*73/27 Rat-U-Thit Road, opposite Shamrock Guest House,
Patong Beach*

Open: 13:00-late

Looking for somewhere quiet with a large selection of coffees, music, videos and a pool table. Telegraph Road is the place, an alternative to the noisy bars. Come down and enjoy a game of Pool, backgammon, chess or sit in our outside garden. Telegraph Road is your nice and friendly bar.

Uncle Chalties for Men

Gay Bar

opposite Patong Bay Shore Hotel, 77/64 Aroonson Plaza, Patong Beach

Open: 19:00-02:00

Uncle Chalties out does them all with a candlelight show and shower show specially for you on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The boys start go-go dancing at 21:00 every night and there is a video lounge, massage, and VIP room available.



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The Real Thing
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*The Coolest place
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Nordic Bungalow



Soi Bangla

Soi Sunset, Sunset City, Patong Beach, Phuket
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DISCOTHEQUES

Banana Discotheque

Discotheque

Patong Beach Hotel, Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach

Open: 20:30-02:00

The Banana Discotheque will keep you slipping and sliding to the latest in rock videos. A magic show is presented at 01:00, and then the last jam session will carry you over to the bewitching hour.

Crocodile Music Hall

Discotheque

Soi Bangla, Patong Beach

This high-tech music video dance hall will keep you rocking and rolling until the wee hours of the morning. There is a 70 baht cover charge. Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday have cabaret shows from Tiffany's and Tiara with show time at 01:30. There is a large dance stage, with sofas and counters, with sitting areas on the ground and upper floor. "Catch you tonight" as the Crocodile music hall saying goes!

Open: 22:00-02:00

Capacity: 700

Cocktails: wine, beer, and hard liquors

Deep Sea Video Theque

Discotheque

Phuket Arcadia Hotel, Karon Beach, Tel: 381443

It's underworld magic at the Deep Sea Video Theque in the ground floor of the Phuket Arcadia Hotel on Karon Beach. The DJ will keep you dancing from one tune to the next, and on Friday there is a midnight special cabaret show, with a different theme every Saturday night. Plunge right into the Deep Sea Video Theque... and don't forget your flippers.

Open: 22:00-02:00

Capacity: 220 persons

Cover Charge: 90 baht with 1 drink, or 500 baht B.Y.O.B.

Diamond Video Theque

Discotheque

74 Rasda Road, Thavorn Hotel, Phuket Town, Tel: 211333

Dancing to the latest rock music videos is what the Diamond Video Theque is all about. A large dance stage is on the first floor, with more private and luxurious sitting arrangements on the second floor.

Open: 21:00-02:00

Cover Charge: women B 50 ; men B 70

Cocktails: imported liquors

Marina Disco Lounge

Discotheque

Phuket Merlin Hotel, Phuket Town, Tel: 212866

Open: 21:00-02:00

The dress code for all of Phuket's disco hot spots is no slippers or shorts, and the well decorated VIP disco lounge of the Marina Disco is the place to spin those new clothes around. A music video manned by a quick talking DJ will keep you dancing until closing time. Well drinks are 80 baht and the B.Y. O. B. charge is 500 baht.

Titanic Discotheque

Discotheque

89/17 Raj-U-thit Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321234

Open: 22:00-02:00

Night habits of tourists in Phuket and Patong usually begins at sunset after a day of tanning. Dinner is enjoyed from 19:00-21:00, and then a stroll over to the Titanic Discotheque for a rocking good time. The hostesses are in sailor suits, and the special light and sound system is one of the island's best. The DJ is from Bangkok, and Thai and Western videos are played on the big screen. Cover charge is 70 baht.

MASSAGE PARLORS

Daeng Plaza's Massage Parlor

Massage Parlor

Daeng Plaza's Hotel, Phuket Road, Phuket Town

Open: 17:00-02:00

Fifty well-trained ladies can help freshen and release those anxieties and tensions with a traditional Thai style massage. There are 42 private rooms, the massage costs 80 baht an hour, and the sauna is 60 baht an hour.

Grand Plaza Massage Parlor

Massage Parlor

23 Tilok Uthit 1 Road, Phuket, Tel: (076) 214921-5

Open: 14:00-12:00 Sat-Sun 12:00-12:00

We have 120 luxurious rooms equipped with large bath, king size bed and video with 170 girls available for traditional, Body or "Tora" massage. Enjoy the best Phuket has to offer.

Madam Massage Center

Massage Parlor

Phuket Merlin Hotel, Phuket Town, Tel: 212866

Open: 13:00-01:00

Located in the basement of the Phuket Merlin Hotel, Finnish style massage is offered by experienced masseuses along with a sauna. Why not drop in and relax.



Phuket Shooting Range offers you a wide selection of hand guns, rifles, and expert instruction in target shooting. Open daily 09:30-18:00, only 800 meters from the Chao Fa roundabout.

PHUKET RIFLE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

82/2 Patak Rd., Phuket Thailand. MOBIRA: (01) 7230109

DISCOVERING THAILAND'S TREASURES



The Thais are masters at cloth weaving

One of the most perplexing situations a tourist will have to face before he goes home is: what souvenir of Thailand should I buy? Silk, woodcarvings, silver, brassware . . . the list is endless.

Armed with a knowledge of the history of these native crafts, the selective shopper will be mentally equipped to choose a bit of Thailand that will remind him of his visit for years to come. Let's take a look at a few of these Thai creations.

Thailand has been weaving silk cloth for centuries. In 1976 the Queen's SUPPORT program set up centers to train people to weave the cloth in the age-old people powered method of spinning wheels and looms; the results are visible in silk showrooms throughout Thailand.

Along with silk, teakwood is another singular industry that brings out the talents of Thai craftsmen. Whether it is fashioned into a miniature elephant of only a few grams, or a two meter tall, pachyderm weighing almost as much as the real animal, the wood workers attention to precise detail is their hallmark.

Teakwood is so valuable that not a scrap is wasted, and the smaller pieces are used as the foundation for lacquerware. They are shaped into bowls, platters, and boxes. The uneven surface is filled in with clay and made smooth. Then, over a period of months, seven coats of lacquer are applied and finally a pattern is appliquéd in gold leaf.

Another example of the Thais inherent creativity is shown in their handpainted parasols and folding fans which are being used the world over as decorator items.

The paper is made from the bark of the mulberry tree; the bamboo is split by hand and the holes are punched with a foot powered bow-drill. Finally, they are hand-painted with designs of birds, dragons and village scenes.

At the brassware centers, a bell tone resonates from the workshops as men concentrate on tapping decorative designs into goblets and jewelry. As a bonus, "modern" brassware is coated so that it needs no polishing. But this is not the only metal craft done in Thailand.

Some handicrafts unique to the South include gold neiloware from Nakhon Sri Thammarat, enamelware from Songkhla, and pewterware from Phuket. Phang Nga and Pattani are renowned for incorporating a black geometric design in their basketry and wicker furniture; while in Phuket, batik clothing reflects the colorful flair of the South.

Patong and Phuket Town are excellent places to have some custom clothes made to order by the resident dressmakers and tailors. Whether you bring them your own personal sketches, or have clipped a photograph of the style you wish, you can be assured of receiving a quality garment within 24 hours, or at most a few days if detailed work is involved. Imported linens, blended wools, and print cottons are popular fabrics to choose from, while the lustrous Thai silk is hard to resist.

The colored gemstones sparkling under the lights of the jewelry store windows can make anyone stop dead in their tracks. Phuket has a first rate lapidary on the island, while other stones or set pieces of precious and semi-precious quality are hand picked from Bangkok. Pearls are the speciality of Phuket and they come in a variety of makes, sizes, and colors. From Phuket's pearl farms come the rare south seas pearl, cultured pearls, and mobe pearls in every shade of cream, to pink, and black. Imitation pearls from Phuket are made from ground pearl dust and cemented by a secret formula. Freshwater pearls are imported and come in every color of the rainbow.

SHOPPING

Andaman Pearl

Pearls & Souvenirs

25 Rasda Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 216083

Open: 08:00-21:00

For sale at moderate prices are souvenirs, Phuket cultured pearls, stuffed lobsters, and sea shells from around the world. Jade bronze in many styles of casting are here.

Art Tailor

Tailor

40-42 Thepkasattree Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 213400

The experienced staff at Art Tailor will help you select the perfect material for the outfit you desire. Fine Thai silks, cottons, wools, and linens in plain or patterned colors. Also, English woolens, terelene wools, German Trivera, and American dacrons. Art Tailors are experts at crafting custom clothing.

Boss Custom Tailors

Tailor

11/5 Patak Road, Kata Center, Tel: (01) 723-0654

Open: 10:00-23:00

If you wish a new dress or suit tailored especially for you please come see us first. We stock a large selection of favorite materials and 100% Thai silk. Top quality with reasonable prices made to order and mailed worldwide. Our commitment to service has been for five years.

Burdinee Shoes Center

Shoes

Phuket Town, near clocktower circle

If you have the need to buy a pair of shoes in Phuket, the Burdinee Shoes Center can offer you threads for your peds. They are the biggest shoe center in Phuket with Addidas, Reebok, Nike, and dress shoes for all occasions; men, women, and children.

Chaidee Gems & Souvenir

Gems & Souvenirs

93/8 Bangla Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321471

Fine modern jewelry can be found at Chaidee Gems & Souvenirs where you'll have a hard time selecting between the rubies, sapphires, jade, pearls, and gold pieces. Silk, bronzeware, fashion accessories, souvenirs, and Thai handicrafts are yours for the choosing. Reliable quality, price, place and man.

Chan's Antique

Antiques

52 Phuket Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 215470

Open: 08:00-20:00

Mr. and Mrs. Sim have hand picked every article in their shop. They are a favorite choice to go to for wood carvings, paintings, tapestries, celadon, Buddha images, art and decor articles of Thai and Burmese origin. All kinds of wood carving reproductions can be made to order, just ask for the catalog. If you're in a hurry, ask the Sim's to ship it for you.

Cheewa Thaicraft Centre

Handicrafts

250/1 Thepkasatree Road, (towards the airport)

Open: 08:30-17:30

Hundreds of thousands of Thai handicrafts are found here. Thai silk in colors of every spectrum of the rainbow, silverware, lacquerware, ceramics, bronzeware, wood carvings, teakwood furniture, handpainted parasols, hilltribe crafts from the North, and imitation antiques vie to be the chosen gift you select to bring home for yourself and a loved one. Major credit cards are accepted and transportation is available.

Exclusive

Tailor

93/26 Rat-U-thit Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321294

Exclusive ladies and gents custom tailors offers a wide selection of quality fabrics. They specialize in all kinds of silk suits for casual and formal wear, trousers and custom shirts. You can be assured of excellent workmanship with their satisfaction guarantee.

Hi-Class Tailor

Tailor

85 Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321555

Their fully-equipped factory and team of skillful and experienced tailors are confident of serving you to your satisfaction. In addition to a large selection of fabrics, they also have genuine leather available for making coats, jackets, trousers, and skirts. Visit their factory for more bolts of cloth for selection.

J & P Souvenir Shop

Souvenirs

95/8 Phuket Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 216065

Open: 07:00-20:00

J & P is Thailand's major center for fine arts and quality handicrafts. Silverware, lacquerware, ceramics, wood carving, handpainted umbrellas, hilltribe handicrafts, bronzeware, and small souvenirs all compete for your attention.

Kings Fashion

Tailors

83/46 Thaweewong Rd., Patong Beach Tel: 321192-3

Patong's first, 10 years in Patong, most established tailors. Exclusive selection of fine silks, woolens and cottons. Centre for ladies and gents fashions. All credit cards accepted. Massschneider Wir Sprechen Deutsch.

Kings Shop

Tailor

40 Yaowaraj Road, Phuket Town

Open: 09:00-20:00

Finest quality fabrics, grade A cotton, Thai silk, English woolens, Indonesian Batiks, American dacrons, with the latest patterns and designs to choose from; or bring your own design and we will copy it exactly for you. Most competitive price and excellent service.

Kriangsak Pearl Center*Pearl*

83 Bangkok Road, Soi Phutorn, Tel: 211707

Open: 09:00-19:00

This unique pearl center is the retail shop for their own cultivated and exported pearls at competitive prices. Quality is guaranteed, and the helpful staff will assist you in your selection.

Maharaja Fashion*Tailor*

29 Yawaraj Road, Tel. & Fax: 216573

The finest and oldest tailor shop in the city. Ladies and gents custom tailors. Dealers of 100% Thai silk, batiks, sarongs, Indonesian batiks, silks, and cottons. All types of suits for casual and formal wear. Messchneider Wir sprichen Deutsch.

Mali*Ceramics*

Phang Nga Road, Phuket Town

Open: 10:00-22:00

Once you drop in Mali, you will get a unique experience of finding the most numerous and exquisite ceramics, silverware, handwoven cotton and batik cloth.

Mookpradit Capiz Shell Product*Seashells*

515 Mae Luan Road, before Khao Rang Hill,

Phuket Town, Tel: 215682

Open: 08:00-20:00

We are a full factory retail/wholesale outlet for shell products. We have been making capiz shell products for over 10 years and were the first in Phuket. Fashionable "Tiffany" lamps from capiz shells for 600 - 1,500 baht. Visit our factory and bring your own designs or choose from ours.

Mook Manee*Pearls*

53 Phuket Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 211115

Open: 08:00-21:00

Precious stones, decorative items made from pearls, bracelets, and the highest quality jewelry and local products will dazzle your eyes from these display cases.

Nam Choke Tailor*Tailor*

45 Yaowaraj Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 213472

Any order is ready within 24 hours at Nam Choke Tailors. Their beautiful fabrics include 100% Thai silk, chinese and japanese silk, wool, spun cotton, batiks, and linen.

Native Handicraft Center*Handicrafts*

9 Thepkasatree Road, (towards the airport), Tel: 214113

Open: 08:00-17:30

Here you will see an enormous selection of wood carvings, antiques, Thai silk, hilltribe products, silverware, lacquerware, umbrellas, batik, jewelry set with pearls and shell. All products are genuine and made by skilled Thai craftsmen. Demonstrations in

hand weaving are given daily. All these lovely products can be used as decorative accessories or be chosen as the perfect gifts for friends. All products carry standard pricing.

Nevada Color Lab & Gallery *Film Processing*

89/39-41 Soi Post Office, Patong Beach, Tel: 321462

The Nevada Color Lab and Gallery has the most modern computerized color processing and film development and enlargement service in just 23 minutes. Photos are always sharp and color balanced. While your waiting for your work to be printed, browse among the Nevada Gallery and crafts. You will find many fine pieces.

New Man Boutique *Tailor*

Entrance of Le Meridien Hotel, Patong Beach

Quality ladies and gents custom tailors offering a wide variety of quality fabrics from around the world. Specializing in silk suits, trousers, shirts for dress and informal occasions. Excellent craftsmanship with satisfaction guaranteed.

Nightingale Shop *Linens*

11-13 Phang Nga Road, 2nd floor, Phuket Town, Tel: 212837

Open: 08:30-19:00

Made to order batik is the specialty here. Thai silk, Phuket batik, scarfs, pillow cases, ties, napkins, and napkin rings, bedspreads, table clothes, pewterware, handicrafts, and creative decorator linens are available for your choosing.

Patong Raja Tailors *Tailor*

Patong Beach, Tel: 321450

Open: 10:00-24:00

This long established tailor shop has been in Patong for over 10 years, serving the foreign visitors with their multi-lingual, understanding staff. Their quality guaranteed garments come in all sorts of local and imported materials for both ladies and gents. Stop in and see how Patong Raja Tailors can best serve you. All major credit cards accepted.

Phuket Coral Sea Shell *Seashells*

29/1-2 Sakdidej Road, Tel: 391380

Open: 09:00-20:00

Beautiful shells of every description are here. Shell jewelry and natural, cultured, and artificial pearls from Phuket is guaranteed for beauty and quality. Lamps, keepsake boxes, picture frames, and windchimes are all handcrafted from these natural sea treasures.

Phuket Gift Shop *Souvenirs*

Opposite Phuket Shopping Centre, Rasda Road, Phuket Town

Open: 09:00-22:00

Silverware, batik, pearls, lacquerware, and ceramics are available at comparable prices. Come in and browse, you will find what it is you are looking for.

Phuket Horyudo Gems *Gems & Leather Goods*

7/38-40 Chaofa Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 213358

Open: 08:00-20:00

Crocodile skin products are specially selected, with pewterware, Thai silk, jewelry, silverware, bronzeware, lacquerware, and wood carvings.

Phuket International Lapidary *Gems & Jewelry*

22-24 Deebuk Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 214141, 214441

Open: 09:00-19:00

Phuket International Lapidary is one of the largest lapidary shops in Phuket with a large variety of designs and styles in all kinds of jewelry. Every piece is produced under close supervision so that only the finest pieces reach our showroom for your selection. Thai silk and many other kinds of gifts and souvenirs are also available here. For free transportation, just call 214141, 214441.

Phuket Pewter Center *Pewterware*

52 Phuket Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 212639

Open: 08:00-20:00

Expertly crafted pewterware, the non-tarnish combination of tin and lead, is available in an unlimited array. Vases, tankards, serving trays, clocks, and goblets are only a few of the elegantly crafted works. Bronzeware, Thai handicrafts, and Thai silk dress-making is done here and ready in 24 hours.

Phuket Reminder Shop *Antiques*

Rasda Road, Phuket Town

Open: 09:00-19:00

An excellent collection of rare antiques and fine collectables. In their hilltribe collection, one can find fine woven baskets, antique clothing, silver pieces of heirloom jewelry, belts made of coins, cross-stitched patchwork, and opium pipes. Their wide range of Thai and Burmese musical instruments, and other attractive items in their store include home decorations made from teakwood carvings, costume jewelry from native buffalo horn, jeweled tapestries, bencharong porcelain, and brass statues.

Phuket Shopping Center *Department Store*

62/20 Rasda Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 213416-7

Open: 10:00-22:00

In the heart of Phuket stands prominently the Phuket Shopping Center, the only department store fashioned in the old Phuket architectural style. Inside the 4 level department, you will find clothing, cosmetics, linens, food center, jewelry counter, and handicrafts section. You will find what you're looking for at the Phuket Shopping Center-Department Store.

Phuket Silver*Silver, brassware, handicrafts**5/19 Montree Road, Phuket Town**Open: 09:00-22:00*

Silverware, lipao bags, brassware, and stencil cut characters are all handicrafts to the south which you can find at the Phuket Silver shop. Located close to Ocean Shopping Mall II, you will certainly find that unique gift of the south here.

Phuket Souvenir Center*Souvenirs**82-83/1 Rasda Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 215381**Open: 08:00-21:00*

Shells, shells, and more shells are what you'll find in Phuket's most diverse shell souvenir center. Many shells are imported from all over the world with prices ranging from 3 baht to 85,000 baht. Lamps, night lights, paper weights, lampshades, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, in fact every conceivable way of manufacturing shells to serve a purpose is found here.

Phuket Treasure Shell*Sea shells**65/1 Chao Fa Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 213766**Open: Daily*

Located 6 km. from downtown Phuket towards Rawai, is this treasure trove of elaborate ornamental shell products. Jewelry made-to-order in any style with rubies, pearls, and sapphires are all for the choosing from this wholesale and retail outlet.

Piek Shop*Souvenirs**89/34-36 Thaweewong Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321386**Open: 08:00-24:00*

Seashells, liquors and snacks, T-shirts and swimsuits, dispensaries and odd knick-knacks are sold at Piek shop.

S.P. Enterprise*Handicrafts**89/18 Soi Post Office, Patong Beach, Tel: 321386**Open: 09:00-23:00*

Fortunately for shoppers, S.P. Enterprise is the wholesalers for Thai silk, leather goods, and all kinds of handicrafts. Stop on in and compare their prices.

Sea World*Seashells**79 Rasda Road, Phuket Town**Open: 10:00-20:00*

Unusual crafts of Thailand can be found here. Good prices are marked on their imitation antiques that are great decorator items, kalaga tapestries, pearls of the south, and the distinctive betel nut boxes—the ancient Thai heirloom and motif on the Thai wedding certificate—are available.

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Handicrafts

29/1 Thepkasattee Road, Patong Beach, Tel: 321815

Open: 09:00-18:00

The A-Z of Thai handicrafts can be found at both Phuket locations. Shinawatra is famous for Thai silk, silk flowers, ready made clothes to order, lacquerware, gold leaf mobiles, and bencharong procelain. Reasonable prices with free transportation service makes shopping at Shinawatra irresistible.

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Open: 07:30-20:30

This ladies & gents custom tailor shop will have your garments ready in 24 hours. Their selection of fabrics include 100% Thai silk, wool, Indonesian batiks, linen, and blended fabrics. Ready made items available include silk kimonos, neck ties, silk scarfs, and embroidered handkerchiefs.

Thai Phuket Leather Goods

Leather Goods

54/2 Montree Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 215896

Open: 10:00-21:00

The most exotic leather goods are at Thai Phuket Leather Goods, the island's wholesaler and retailer of bags, wallets, suitcases, clothing, and briefcases, to name a few. Some exotic skins are stingray, armadillo, crocodile, and elephant. Reasonable prices.

Thai Product Center*Pearls, souvenirs, tailor**54/8-9 Montree Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 214849**Open: 10:00-21:30*

The hardest decision a tourist will have to make is, what souvenir of Thailand should I buy? At the Thai Product Center you will find fine quality jewelry, cultured pearls, natural pearls, and freshwater pearls, brilliant Thai silk, and ready made and custom clothing can be fashioned to your design within 1 day.

Thai Souvenir Centre*Souvenirs**17 Phang Nga Road, beside On On Hotel,**Phuket Town, Tel: 215836**Open: 08.00-20.00*

Besides the fabulous selection of Thai silk, silverware, ceramics, batiks, wood carvings, pewterware, and small souvenirs, there is a first class tailor that can create that special suit or dress within 24 hours.

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If you can't find what you're shopping for among this unusual collection of local souvenirs, curios, porcelain, jade, Burmese tapestry, snuff bottles, ivory, coisonne, and Thai paintings, then wander over to Mr. Voravuth's second shop nearby!

Wang Talang Jewelry *Jewelry & Leather Goods**259 Yaowaraj Road, Phuket Town, Tel: 215092*

This fine store offers you a special collection of ruby, sapphire, ivory, jade and pearls in elegant styled jewelry. Top grade leather, snake, eel, and crocodile skin handbags, wallets, and luggage are handcrafted with expert skill. Brilliant pearls are also elegantly designed in whole sets, or individual ornaments. A certificate of quality is issued with each piece of jewelry. Wang Talang is Phuket's largest wholesaler of 18k gold inlaid jewelry, with made-to-order pieces finished in 1-3 days.

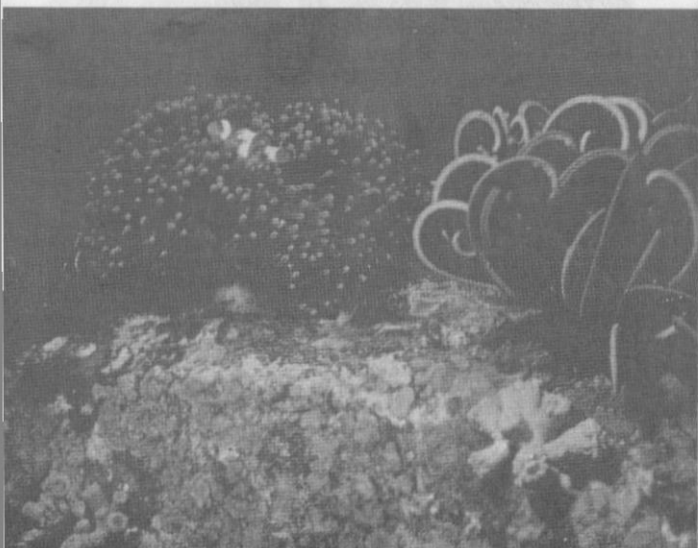
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UNDERSEA ADVENTURES IN PHUKET

Phuket is fast becoming the #1 destination of globetrotting snorkelers and SCUBA divers, and the reason is this, it is a holiday kingdom with a galaxy of fantastic dive sites -- and the secret is out! Possessing an incredibly varied shoreline, and clear, calm seas tinted by living coral reefs and studded with scores of verdant isles, Phuket has always been an ideal location for sport diving. What kept these sites hidden from the "outside" world was their remote, and sometimes inaccessible settings. During the past two decades, an international airport has been built, and roads have been improved. The result is that divers and snorkelers now have easy access to hundreds of dive-sites.

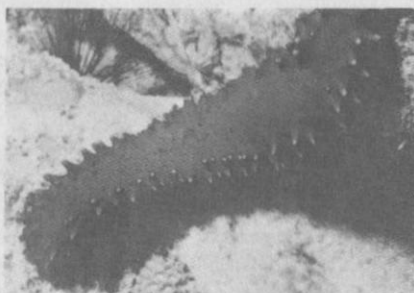
►
*Curious diver inspects a
bed of sea anemones*

*The ubiquitous
anemone and the pretty
and harmless Feather
Starfish*



Phuket is a perfect dive center; it has reasonable accommodations, several modern dive shops, and uncountable dive and snorkel opportunities along its west coast. The scores of nearby islands and the clear waters of the Andaman Sea nourish an underwater spectacle which includes a cast of thousands: soft corals cover the rocks with a living mantle of color and graceful sea-fans cling to the walls and sway with the current, while sponges and sea anemones add outlandish shapes and vibrant hues to the setting. Through this silent wonderworld glide hundreds of boldly colored tropical fish; moving through the scene like well-rehearsed and gloriously costumed chorus lines. While Phuket's dive sites are accessible from the road, diving the offshore islands will require the use of a boat.

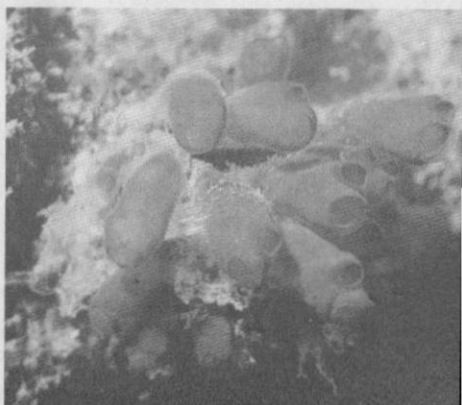
*Ugly but harmless common
Sea Cucumber*



The fortunes of Phuket have been married to boats for centuries, so there's a wide variety from which to choose, from chartering long-tail boats (the utility boat of Thailand) to a luxury yacht complete with captain, crew, and divemaster; or even an express boat to Phi-Phi, the most exotic do-it-yourself snorkel holiday in Thailand.

To begin your Phi-Phi Island adventure, take your swim fins, mask and snorkel, and board one of the tour boats which departs Phuket for Phi-Phi every morning. After heading east for two hours the boat lands in Tonsai Bay on Phi-Phi Don, the largest of the islands. Here, the passengers disembark and the "overnighter" heads for the bungalows, while the "day trippers" head for the water.

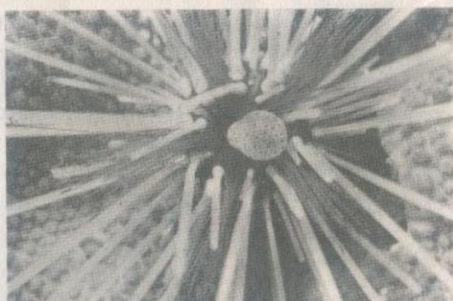
*The Sea Squirt, a
crustacean often
mistaken for a sponge*



Phi-Phi Don is actually two separate islands joined across the middle by a coco tree-covered causeway, 100 meters wide and one kilometer long. On both sides of this land bridge are calm, clear bays which nurture immense coral gardens. One look below the surface into this realm reveals an incredible variety of colorful corals, large sea fans, and pastel tinted gorgonians; with tropical fish everywhere! More than 20 kilometers of shoreline encircles the twin islands; a coast laced with coral kingdoms on its eastern shores and steep wall dives on its western sides. Although the islands have not been carelessly plundered by man, the bungalows and the daily boat service from Phuket and Krabi have dimmed their pristine charm. For the discerning diver who desires to dive where few have been before him, then only the Similan Islands will suffice.

The islands are scalloped with white sand beaches between rocky points of land. Off the western shores, the boulders are covered with soft corals and they form tunnels and caves which provide the shelter for thousands of tropical fish. On the eastern side, the diving is completely different; here the extensive coral reef is studded with coral heads which nearly reach the surface. With underwater visibility up to 25 meters and schools of boldly colored reef-fish, these islands are the answer to an underwater photographer's prayer.

Although their distance from the beaten path of tourism has insured their beauty; the islands are easily visited by the adventurous. Day tours from Patong Beach on Phuket are available from November to April and the voyage takes a little over three hours one-way. If you are a serious diver you will want to take a dive tour of several days duration arranged by one of the dive shops.



▶
The scourge of many swimmers - the Sea Urchin

Anyone who can remember to breathe through his mouth can dive the undersea kingdom, whether they can swim or not. Just bring yourself to the southern shores and Phuket will provide the equipment, the instruction, the transportation, and the dive sites -- at a fraction of the cost of diving locations elsewhere.

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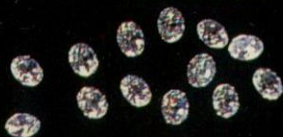


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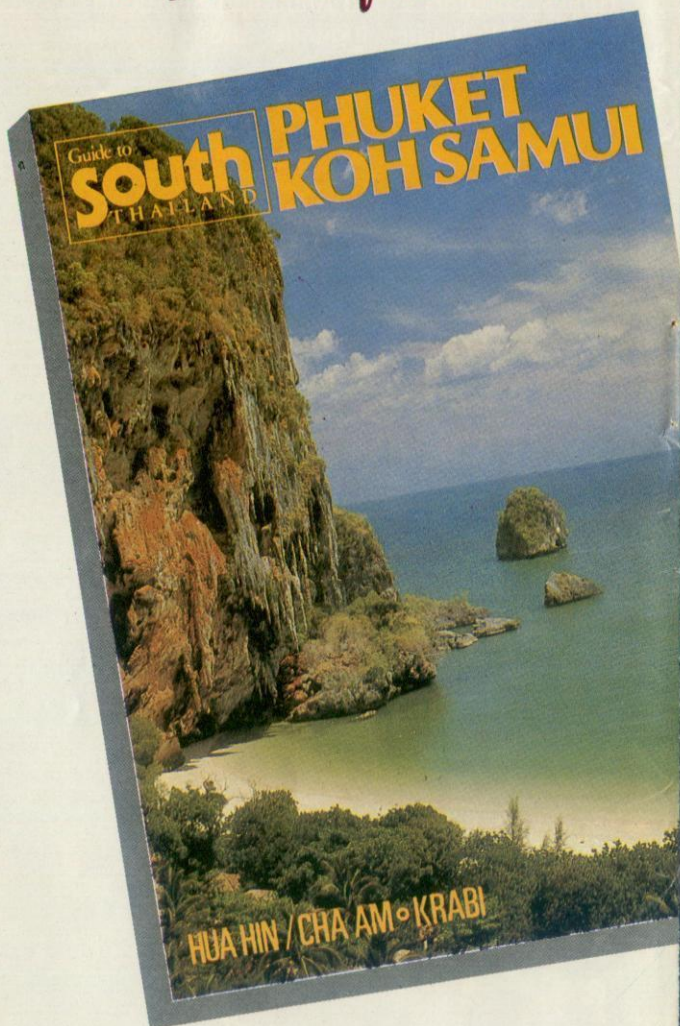
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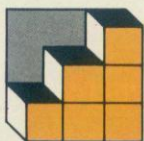
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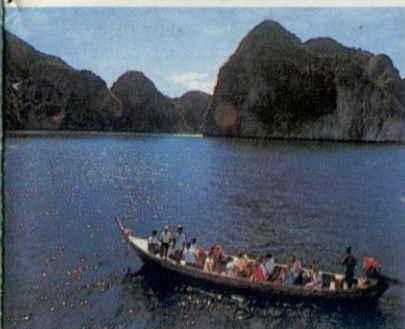
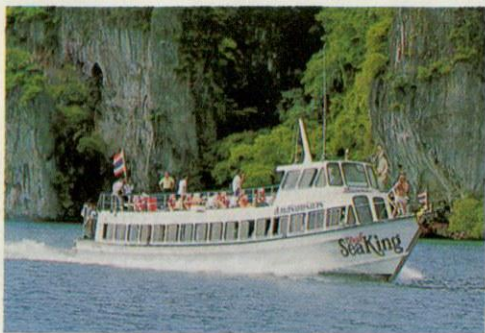
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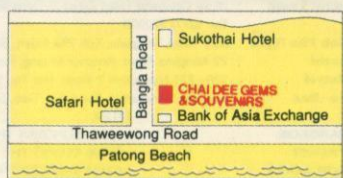


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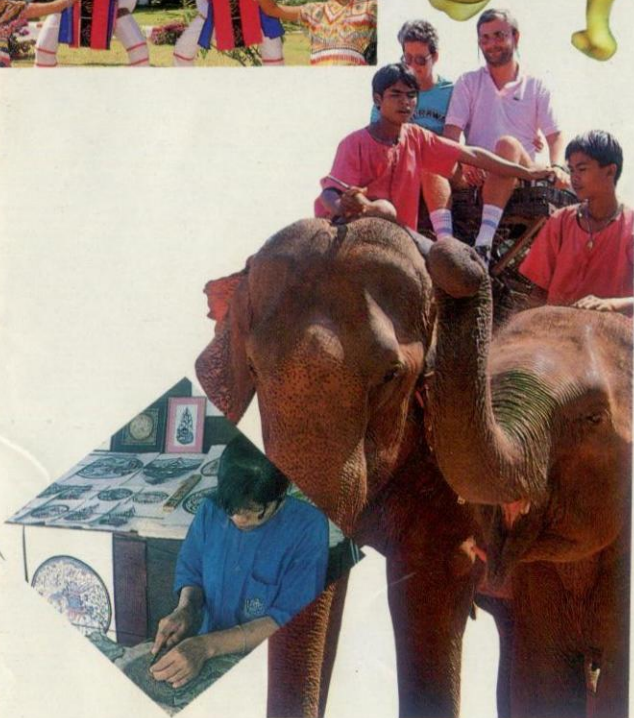
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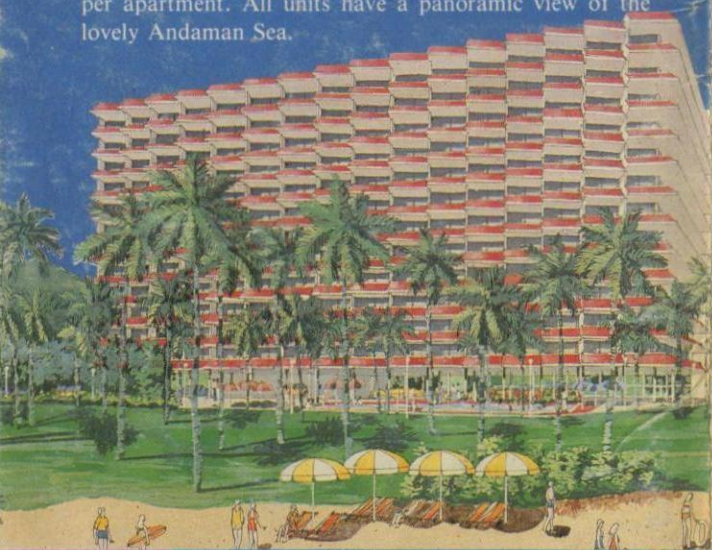
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